

MO. PACIFIC WILL MOVE SWITCH TRACK

J. E. Dover, Missouri Pacific agent in this city is in receipt of information from the Missouri Pacific Railroad officials that they will extend the present unloading switch that now serves the Sikeston Concrete Tile and Construction Co. further east 950 feet that will reach beyond Prairie and Moore Avenues. The railroad company owns the right-of-way along this extension, therefore they will not have to ask permission of the City Council to proceed with the work, though they have asked Mr. Dover to notify the city of the fact.

As soon as the new switch track is completed the present unloading track at south edge of the Railroad Park will be removed. This will greatly beautify this Park and please the citizens of Sikeston very much.

TWO DOLLAR WHEAT FINALLY A REALITY

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Above \$2 a bushel was paid in Chicago today for wheat, a goal long predicted. The exact tip-top price was \$2.00½, an extreme of 6½c overnight. Purchasing, however, on this basis was exceptional, being only for a small amount of No. 2 red winter wheat to be delivered at once to millers.

Simultaneously, in the general speculative market for future deliveries of wheat, the highest peacetime prices in many years were exceeded, although the greatest speculative gain for the day was restricted to 3½c a bushel. Speculative transactions reached a large volume, and the chief trading month, May, mounted to \$1.88.

New high price records for the season were established at this stage by all future deliveries both of wheat and rye, as well as by September corn and oats. The major part of the day's gains, though were wiped out by a sudden general rush to grab profits.

Leaders in the speculative buying of wheat today contended that foreigners and others had been unduly holding off, expecting lower prices.

Girls on the Farm

One of the most serious problems facing the world is that raised in the question, How can we keep the girls on the farm?

It is one of the hallmarks of civilization that so many girls are forced into the big cities to seek their fortune.

Probably no more daughters of the farm come to misfortune in the big cities than do the city girls or the girls from the small towns who work for a living.

It can be set down as a sound proposition that working girls as a class, are more apt to make a success of life than another large class of girls having more social advantages but seeking the bright lights.

It is a great social duty to make the home life on the farms more attractive to the girls. There should be rural recreation centers under proper supervision.

If the churches and fraternal orders could minister to the social needs of humanity, including the growing young people, we would hear less of farm girls crowding to the cities.

With good roads, cheaper motor cars, the rural mail and telephone, the phonograph, electricity and the radio, life is growing more attractive on the farms.

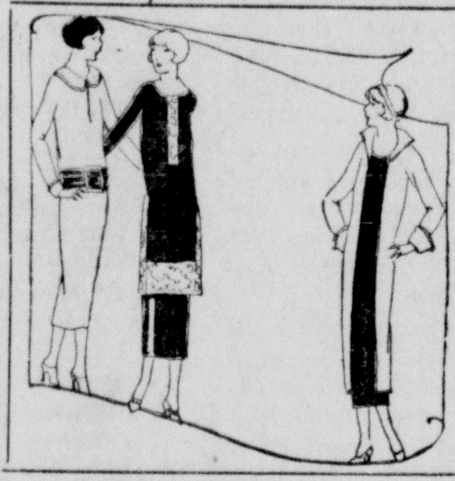
Individual initiative, energy and ambition, the driving force which has built this nation, is the great agency that is today remaking farm life in America and making it pleasant for both girls and boys to stay on the farm.

Dan Greer of Bertrand was a visitor in Sikeston Monday.

Mrs. Ralph Johnson and son returned Saturday from Fairfax, where they have been for the past two weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville McCary entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner at their home on William Street, Tuesday. Covers were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bloomfield and children, Mrs. Raymond Bloomfield and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bloomfield and son, Dess Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harper and son Max, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnett and Miss Mabel Barnett, Mrs. Zada Bloomfield and daughter Camille Bloomfield, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard and Miss Hyacinth.

New Showing of Spring Dresses, Suits and Millinery



We call your attention to this, the finest showing of Spring Merchandise in the Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department now, because we believe that every woman is interested in getting the most style, the highest quality and the best

tailoring for the least money, and this showing affords you that opportunity.

New Spring Millinery



Just received, these hats bespeak the latest word in Millinery for early spring wear. They are priced very attractively, too.

Dress Goods Showing

A big showing of all the piece goods in this store. New patterns, colors, fabrics, all are included—a chance the home sewer has been awaiting.



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Your Income Tax

Judge Leedy of Benton was a visitor in Sikeston, Wednesday.

Hammond Baker of Memphis, Tenn., was in Sikeston Tuesday, transacting business.

The American Legion will give a dance Thursday night, January 22 at the Armory Hall. Music will be furnished by Don Smith's Coma Roof Garden Orchestra of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dr. J. H. Yount has had his office repainted, new rugs and linoleum laid, new office fixtures, surgical instruments, etc., and is equipped to give attention to any calls made upon him. He practiced medicine in Sikeston several years ago and was a successful practitioner. He recently spent several weeks in New York, where he attended a clinic in order to assist him in his profession.

A few days ago a 13-year-old girl of the third grade, ran away from home, leaving a note to her father, stating that she was not going to school any more, but was leaving for Chicago with a man, where they were to be married. Instead of going to Chicago, the girl went to the home of a sister at Matthews and from there wrote a letter to a 22-year-old man of Sikeston, telling him to come to Matthews and marry her. The letter fell into the hands of the young man's mother, who turned it over to the girl's father. The girl was brought home Thursday morning.

This story should be told to every family who has a girl that thinks too much of the boys, that the parents may look after the youthful misses a little closer. A young man who encourages children along this line, is dangerous in any community.

The exemptions under the revenue act of 1924 are \$1000 for single persons and 2500 for married persons living together and heads of families. In addition a \$400 credit is allowed for each person dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective.

The normal tax rate under the revenue act of 1924 is 2 per cent on the first \$400 of net income in excess of the personal exemptions, credit for dependents, etc., 4 per cent on the next \$4000, and 6 per cent on the balance. Under the preceding act the normal tax rate was 4 per cent on the first \$4000 of net income above the exemptions and credits, and 8 per cent on the remaining net income.

The revenue act of 1924 contains a special provision for reduced taxes which did not appear in previous laws. All net income up to \$5000 is considered "earned income". On this amount the taxpayer is entitled to a credit of 25 per cent of the amount of the tax.

For example, a taxpayer single and without dependents may have received in 1924 a salary of \$2000 and from a real estate transaction a profit of \$3000. His total net income was \$5,000. Without the benefit of the 25 per cent reduction his tax would be \$80. His actual tax is \$60. From his net income of \$5000 he is allowed a personal exemption of \$1000; the tax of 2 per cent on the first \$4000 is \$80, one-fourth of which, or \$20, may be deducted.

For the purpose of computing this credit, in no case the earned net income considered to be in excess of \$10,000. A taxpayer may have received for the year 1924 a net income from salary \$20,000, but the 25 per cent credit be applied to only one-half of this amount.

Capt. O. W. Johnson, Jr., if Charleston was a visitor in Sikeston Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella He left Tuesday for Memphis, Tenn. for a visit with her daughter Miss Marguerite, who is studying to be nurse in the Memphis General Hospital.

The McGeele Store Co. of Kewanee are having a clearance sale of seable goods at their store beginning Jan. 17, and lasting for 10 days. Standard printed bills for the

C. H. Butts Advance has been placed in charge of the Singer Sewing Machine Agency A. E. Shankle, who is now the Lair Music Co. Mr. Butler married and has twin boys 17 months.

Miss Gladys, of the Bell Telephone Co. left Wednesday morning for Little Rock, Ark., to attend the annual ring of the telephone operators. Schrum is chairman of the South Missouri Operators Association.

The editor The Standard has purchased a piece of real estate just west of Sikeston. It is 10x20 feet acres east and west. We hope it be a long time before any parthos lot will be used. The plot is the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Emory Matthews spent Wednesday in Charleston with relatives.

Cleaning, pressing and repairing done on short notice.—B. L. Isaacs.

Mrs. Marvin McMullin attended a Bridge party at Charleston Thursday afternoon, given by Mrs. C. G. Stoner.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield entertained the Menalunk Bridge Club Tuesday afternoon at her home on North Kingshighway.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch Moll and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Moll motored to Jackson Sunday for a visit with relatives.

The Music Club will meet with Miss Helen Hess Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Members are requested to be present.

Mesdames C. C. White, C. H. Denman, Kate Greer and J. L. Tanner attended the Tea given by the Woman's Club in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kevil entertained with a dinner party Tuesday evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Klein and Miss Camille Klein.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Randol entertained with a dinner party Sunday in honor of their daughter Mary Cornelia's 13th birthday. Covers were laid for Frances Green, Janice Bone, and Marguerite Whidden.

E. V. Howell has sold his interest in the Sikeston Oil Co. to B. L. Pinnel of New Madrid, who is now in charge. The Kindred Bros. retain their interest. Mr. Howell expects to enter some other line of business at an early day.

G. T. Meyers left Wednesday for a business trip to Little Rock, Ark.

Miss Burnice Tanner will entertain the Bridge Club Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Belle Sams returned Saturday from an extended visit in Kentucky.

Sergeant Denny of Caruthersville was in Sikeston Tuesday visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis of Bertrand spent Sunday with John Fox and family.

Come early and get the best selection of men's suitings at sacrifice price.—B. L. Isaacs.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffer of Dexter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Proffer.

Darby Reese returned to his home in Houston, Texas, Sunday, after a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hart and Miss Velma Baker of Malden spent last week-end in Sikeston with friends.

Am closing out my line of piece goods for men at a sacrifice to make room for spring goods.—B. L. Isaacs.

The W. B. A. will hold installation of officers the second Monday in February. Mrs. Bertie Fox will be the installing officer.

The editor of a nearby paper once received a very fine chicken, which he, supposing to be a token of appreciation from a discriminating reader, took home and enjoyed for dinner. The following day he received this letter: "Dear Editor: Yesterday I sent you a chicken in order to settle a dispute which had arisen here. Can you tell what the chicken died of?"—Graig (Iowa) Independent.

LABOR CONDITIONS GETTING SERIOUS

At this time at least eight representatives of labor agencies in Mississippi and other Southern States, are in this section proselizing among our colored cotton help in an endeavor to get them to return to Southern cotton fields. One of these agents has already shipped out 18 families and others are to follow. This condition of affairs is alarming our farmers on the cotton land who fear a shortage of cotton labor the coming season. It is believed this condition of affairs is caused by the announcement that there would not be much cotton grown in this section the coming season. The only land that will not be planted to cotton this year will be the heavy bottom land that is too strong for cotton.

There will be a special session of the City Council held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock to pass an ordinance forbidding these labor agents from soliciting this help to send out of the territory.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Distribution Made By Association
The members of the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association who had cotton unclassified on which drafts were drawn for prior to December 1, 1924, were mailed checks from the Little Rock office January 10. This represents the advance up to the distribution basis on December 1. His advancement was not sent to all members, but the management has attempted to send this distribution to the members delivering one and two bales, who did not receive anything at the time of the regular distribution.

The Association has not made any payments to members since receiving the cotton, except on a per pound and quality basis.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School—9:30.
Junior Sermon—10:40. "Contrary Winds".
Preaching—11:00. Subject: "Because He Came II".
Leagues—6:30.
Organ recital—7:30. "Early Church Heroes II".

We invite you to these services. We especially invite you to worship with us at the evening services. Mrs. Welsh our organist, gives a 20-minute organ recital every Sunday evening. This is a short sermon. You will enjoy it.

THOS. B. MATHER, Pastor

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:30—Sunday school.
11:00—Morning worship. Good singing by congregation. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and social worship.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor.

Let us go to the House of the Lord for His honor and worship.
S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At Odd Fellows Hall.
Sunday school—10:00 A. M.
Sermon—11:00 A. M. Subject: "Reminiscences of Montreat".
J. M. FONTAINE, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Class—9:45 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—6:00 p. m.
You are invited.

Leo Becker left Monday for a few days business trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield entertained with three tables of Bridge Wednesday night.

Richard Cheatum, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., spent last week-end with J. H. Galleener and family.

Mrs. J. H. Yount, who has been quite ill for the past several days is getting along very nicely at this writing.

John Young has the contract to remodel and repair the front and entrance of the Malone Theatre. Just as soon as the weather is settled the work will commence.

Invitations are out for a reception to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sikos Saturday evening, January 17th from 6:30 to 10:00 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
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During the past thirty days The Standard has added more than one hundred new names to its subscription list, to whom we feel grateful. We have concluded to extend the time until February 1, 1925, at 75c per year to all new subscribers and to those who pay up arrears on subscriptions. We would like to add another hundred new names to our list and to encourage those in arrears to pay up.

Sometimes it takes a mighty small paragraph to kick up a right small disturbance. Tuesday a traveling official of the Bell Telephone Co., called at The Standard office to inquire into any inattention of local employees, discourteous remarks, etc. Our complaint was slowness to respond to calls, and had no thought of getting anyone into trouble. However, we have heard a number of complaints of discourtesies, slowness to respond, etc., that we reported to Mr. Jordan and Mr. Randol on their request, but there is no way at this time to trace who was guilty. These gentlemen request if there is further cause for complaint to immediately call the chief operator, Miss Bertha Welter or the manager himself, then they can reprimand the one who is responsible without casting reflections on the entire force. Most of us are not blessed with patience we ought to have, and a good many times are peevish at somebody else that makes us take it out on the telephone operator. We are sorry that we have not had more patience for these girls are not overpaid and have a trying position to fill.

We are unable to see where legislation can help the farmer unless it

is to equalize taxes, or find an outside market for their surplus. To our way of thinking, the Government could help the farmer very much by studying soil conditions and advising him the crops that would produce the most on his different fields. The farmer generally goes at his task in a hit and miss manner without thought as to business conditions of the country and the markets to be supplied. Already many counties have farm advisers that could be of great help toward solving the agricultural problem if they would advise better business methods and the best crops to grow on the different soils. It is true many landlords tell the tenant what he must grow and what he must not grow without thought of the future. Legislation cannot cure the ills that the farmer has to combat but it can help find the markets and furnish expert advice and teach business common sense.

In writing the article about the Electric Laundry changing hands in the last Friday's paper, we failed to make mention of John Inman, one of the owners, who acted as business manager for the past several years. Mr. Inman will continue working for the new firm.

Since Gov. Baker was once a student of the State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, the present faculty of the school decided that it would be fitting to let the man, who is the first student of the institution to become Governor, know that his success is worthy of their best wishes. The professors therefore collected \$25 and sent the new officer a handsome bouquet for inauguration presentation.

A 15-passenger bus, the largest in operation in Southeast Missouri, will be placed in service between Poplar Bluff and Skeston on Friday, Tom Burton, owner of the bus line, announced. The bus will make regular connections with other lines operating to Birds Point, Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville and into Arkansas.

A small scratch on his back, received about two weeks ago, caused the death of John A. Roe, 53 years old, near Boseley. Roe was a farmer of this county. He was brought to a local hospital suffering from blood poison last week. He is said to have received the injury from a barb on a wire fence, over which he was climbing.

RELATIVES

My feet were tired from standing up in the crowded train, and maybe that affected my eyesight. Anyhow, the folks in that car seemed to me woefully unattractive.

There were men with unshaven faces, and women with disheveled hair, and babies who put their dirty fingers in their dirty little mouths. Some sprawled and slept; some snored.

Our journey ended, and we were emptied into the depot.

There, behind a rope, awaiting our arrival, were more folks, as unattractive as ourselves.

But as we came pouring thru the gates, behold a miracle! The homely horde rushed upon us. Cross-eyed men clasped unkempt women to their breasts. Withered old women planted kisses upon the cheeks of homely young women, exclaiming that they were "beautiful" and calling them "my dear", and weeping tears of happiness at their arrival.

And suddenly I was ashamed of myself; and I said to my wife: "What a magnificent thought it was, on the part of God, to give every human being somebody who thinks that he or she is wonderful!"

Samuel Butler, who was very cynical, thought it a great mistake that the generations should overlap. He would have all of one generation pass away before any of the next were born—as with butterflies, for instance.

The butterfly spins a cocoon, puts into it enough food to carry the young one to maturity, then lies down and dies. So it would be fine, said Butler, if each one of us could be born wrapped in twenty thousand dollars, which would feed and clothe us to maturity—but with no parents, aunts, uncles or wise old friends to be a nuisance to us.

Napoleon is supposed to have had more energy and will-power than any other modern man, but even he could not solve the relative problem. It is amusing to read his angry letters to his brothers, and see what trouble he had in trying to teach them to be kings. They persisted in making a mess of things, and caused him more worry than all his armies.

So relatives are not an unmixed blessing; yet what a sad world without them! Every once in a while I go over to the Grand Central Station and see that welcoming scene repeated, and always it gives me a little thrill.

A hundred nondescript folks, from a hundred commonplace homes, waiting to welcome a hundred others. Yet by a certain divine astigmatism, each one of the hundred is supremely beautiful in the eyes of some one!

So long as he or she lives, there will be another who cares. Surely this is one of the splendors of life! And one of the great lines of literature is: "He setteth the solitary in families"—Bruce Barton.

When a Tax Is a Public Evil

Obviously the doubling of the postal rate on the bulk of the country circulation of newspapers would be a serious blow to general newspaper reading. The question is of sufficient public importance to justify the newspaper publishers in asking Congress for a more careful investigation than has been made to see whether such an increase is justified. Obviously in figuring the cost of postal service on different classes of mail, there are many opportunities to make unfair discrimination. Thus, while the parcel post comprises more than 60 per cent of the volume of mail matter, and produces only 20 per cent of the total revenue, it is charged with only \$6,000,000 of the deficit. The rural free delivery is found to cost \$87,000,000, and nearly half the cost is assessed against the newspapers. The newspapers are asking how much off the cost of the postoffice overhead and other costs is legitimately charged against them. It is a reasonable request that they have the opportunity to present their side, which is really the side of the public. People subscribe to the papers because they get from them necessary current information, entertainment and instruction. Their reading ought not to be cut off on the basis of a postoffice report which has not been subjected to thorough investigation.—K. C. Star.

It is advisable to inform all tourists that they will find going disagreeable during an immediately following protracted rains. Time will be saved by waiting up a day after the rains have stopped when they will encounter no difficulties.

Plans are being made for a motorcade to go into Florida the latter part of this month. An personally place tens of thousands the folders of the highway in the hands of the tourists with midwest inse tags so that they may be rolled over the FMH on their return trip. Will you join us?

Before the spring tel starts north we want to put a great many more markers so there will be no possibility of confusion on the road.

The organization has an instrumental in getting a greasy cars during the fall to travel route before any literature was. Since we now have literature can do wonders in the way of gag travel if everyone will teamwork.

With every week the way is making new friends and organization is getting stronger and stronger. Your co-operation helping. Thanks.—Florida Midway Association.

Sale commenced January 14 on tailor made suits and lasts to January 22. Everything at a sacrifice.—B. L. Isaacs.

The production of diamonds in South Africa in 1923 was 2,050,395 metric karats, which was the largest since 1920 and comparable to that of any year since the immediate pre-war period, 1911 to 1913, when the yearly output surpassed 5,000,000 karats. The value in 1923 was estimated at \$31,049,000. Outstanding features were the increase of alluvial compared with mine production and the development of more serious competition from foreign fields, especially those in the Belgian and Portuguese Congo.

Summary of Recommendations Made By Governor Baker

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 12.—Gov. Baker, in his inaugural message to day, recommended home rule in police affairs for St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, the reduction of state expense, the abolition of useless boards and bureaus, the consolidation of departments of related activities, the extension of liberal support to the state's charitable and educational institutions, and the strengthening of the state banking laws for the better protection of depositors.

Briefly summarized his recommendations are:

Less legislation and the creation of new departments or bureaus.

Reduction of administrative costs through the abolition of useless boards and bureaus and the consolidation of useful departments of related activities.

Creation of a budget system.

Limitation upon appropriations to obtain federal aid.

Home rule for the large cities in police affairs.

Change in the banking laws to further restrict the size of loans and to also limit the size of deposits.

Workman's compensation.

Co-operation with the Federal Government in agricultural relief legislation.

Continuance of the present road program under the present laws.

Consolidation of small school districts to increase efficiency and to reduce overhead costs.

Insuring negro children in rural Missouri a chance for education by requiring the maintenance of a school even though there be fewer than 15 children or providing for a traveling teacher to give instructions. Establishment of the principle of a retirement fund for teachers through a constitutional provision.

Consideration of such changes in the law as will make for speedier and more certain justice.

Baker's inaugural message is one of the briefest delivered before the General Assembly in many years. It required about twenty minutes for him to read it.

ROADS TO FLORIDA

The recent heavy rains have caused considerable inconvenience to travel on the Florida Midway Highway. The ice flow a Qiro was so great that the bats could not make a landing, which was unusual. The dirt stretch in the north was very slick, but passable. A bad place developed near Tolu in the Mississippi delta, where the gravel went down into the newart. A new fill near Leaksville caused several cars to get stuck until suitable detour was provided. In great many places on the gravel road in Mississippi, the travel cut down to the clay and made hard going.

All the roads, however, have wonderful recuperative possibilities. As soon as enough war was off the road for machines and drags to go over them, they were excellent again. The citizens of Leaksville provided a team to pull out an auto which were stuck in their territory.

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Mrs. Stella F. Meyer the first woman law enforcement officer at Cape Girardeau. She waven the office of Deputy Consty by the County Court last weend will serve as a Deputy to husband, Constable Fred Meyer.

In order to comply with State requirements, Supt. Beswof Poplar Bluff schools has issued order that only half the children some of the eight schools the given recess periods at the same. The school playgrounds are inmate to care for the large attende. Beswick said, and for that in only half the children are perm on the grounds at the same time.

COOLIDGE INSISTS PRESENT CONGRESS GIVE FARM RELIEF

Washington, Jan. 13.—Farm legislation should and can be enacted by Congress before its adjournment, March 4, in the opinion of President Coolidge.

The legislation to be recommended by the Agricultural Commission is expected by the President to be worthy of such support that the suggested program can be put through in time to eliminate any necessity for an extra session to consider such measures.

President Coolidge will discuss recommendations tomorrow at a White House breakfast, which will be attended by the members of the Agricultural Commission, and Chairman Carey said today the commission's report might be given to the President at that time.

Senator Borah (Rep.), Idaho, urged in the Senate yesterday that there be an early extra session of the new Congress to enact farm relief legislation.

MONKEYS TO DINE WITH ZOO BOARD

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—"Sam" the large, red-headed orang-utan of the zoo, in evening dress, top hat and cane, will mount guard at the center door of the new Primate House in Forest Park this evening to receive the invited guests at the formal dedication banquet.

With due formality he will greet George E. Dieckman, president of the Zoological Society; Mayor Kiel and W. Frank Carter, former president of St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, who will be the principal speakers at the dedication banquet tonight at 6:30 p. m., in the central court of the Primate House, with the numerous species of anthropoids as spectators.

But all of them will not be caged, for "Sally", "Mike", "Murphy" and "Duffy", the chimpanzees, will don clothes and join the banqueters. "Sam" and his chimpanzee friends have been training for weeks for the big event, and their table manners have been reported "excellent". Each one eats with perfect ease with a knife and fork and can handle the teacups with human deftness.

The only female among the anthropoid banqueters, "Sally", will wear knickers.

The Primate House which, according to members of the Zoological Society, is the finest of its kind in the United States, will be formally opened to the public Wednesday night, at which time a public dance will constitute the festivities.

The banquet this evening is being given by the Zoological Board to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, the Mayor and friends of the society. Only invited guests will attend.

FATALLY BURNED, GIRL LIVES SEVENTEEN DAYS

After battling with death for more than two weeks after doctors had given up all hope for her recovery, Omegene Garrett, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Fred Jackson, residing south of Kennett near Coker's Landing, who was fatally burned on Christmas Eve Day, died Saturday evening and was buried Sunday morning in Marsh Cemetery, south of Kennett.

The young girl, who was to have been married on Christmas Day, was burned when her dress caught fire from a heating stove in which she had just built a fire and was standing near. On seeing her dress in flames she ran from the home, starting to a neighbor's when she was stopped by two boys when she had run about a hundred yards, and her clothes torn off, but not until after her body had been burned and charred in places. More than one-half of the total surface of her body was burned.

It was said at the time that she had but a few hours in which to live, but the girl, fighting desperately against death, lingered on, enduring intense pain for more than seventeen days, not losing consciousness until the day before her death.—Kennett Democrat.

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After January 1, 1925, the maximum authorized draught of vessels transiting the Suez Canal, will be changed from 31 feet to 32 feet, so that ships with a draft of 32 feet will be allowed to pass through, whereas now only ships with a draught of not more than 31 feet are permitted to transit the canal.

When a case concerning the proper fit of an evening gown came before a London Court, Judge Sturgees, K. C., said he could not deal with so knotty

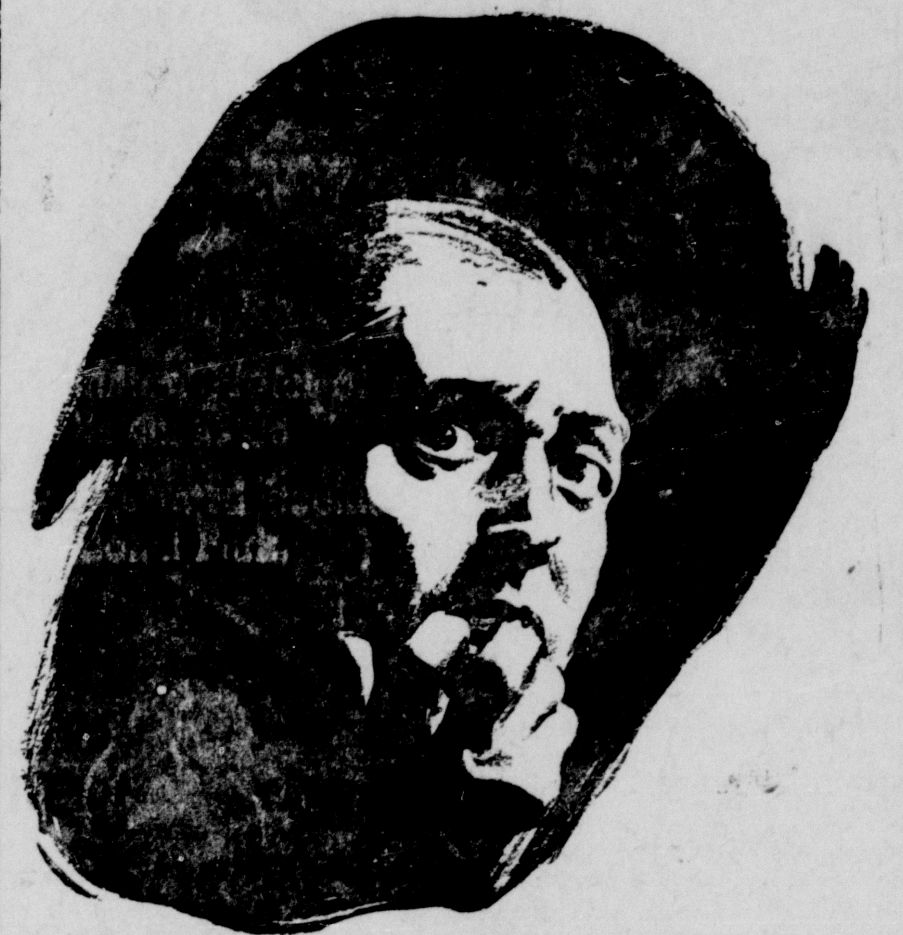
a problem himself and asked a woman in court to help him. The woman sat by the judge on the bench. At the end of the case Judge Sturgees said that he and his "assessor" had both arrived at the conclusion that the gown did not fit, and so he gave judgment against the maker.

It is said that Boston passed an ordinance which forbade bathing unless by the order of a physician, and that this law was actually in the code from 1845 to 1862.

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Card of Thanks
We take this method of thanking friends and neighbors for sympathy and aid in the sickness and death of Mrs. Maggie Simpson, which occurred January 7, 1925.—The Family.

Joplin—Freeman Memorial hospital nearing completion.
J. P. Sledge of Champaign, Ill., visited with his aunt, Miss Daisy Garden, Wednesday of this week.
FOR RENT—200 acres. Good improvements. Inquire Seed Store.

Week Jan. 19 **MALONE THEATRE** **SIKESTON, MISSOURI**

MONDAY & TUESDAY
"The City that Never Sleeps"
A James Cruze Production.
By Leroy Scott

The story of a mother's sacrifice to save her flapper-daughter. Fashionable New York and Bowery underworld linked in a mighty drama of mother love and youthful folly. Don't miss this one! With RICARDO CORTEZ, VIRGINIA LE CORBIN. (You remember Cortez in "Argentine Love"). He's wonderful!
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Admission 15c and 35c

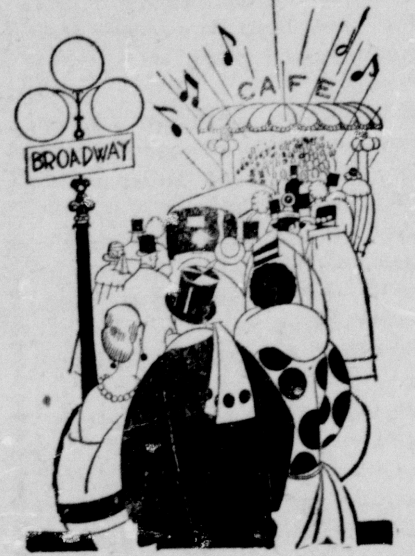
WEDNESDAY
STOP! LOOK! SEE! Auspices U. D. C.
MRS. WALLACE REID in

"Broken Laws"
Supported by PERCY MARMOT and a brilliant cast.

This mighty drama of Mother Love and Law bears the endorsement of Club Women and Public Officials throughout the Nation. This is not a sermon, however, but a dramatic story replete with thrills and surprises and full of interest from start to finish. A pampered and petted son! An indulgent mother! Yielding—catering to her boy's every desire! Then the inevitable crash! Tragedy, arrest, prison, courts, frenzied, shattered lives! If you saw Mrs. Reid in "Human Wreckage" you will want to see this one, too.

Also NEWS and COMEDY
Admission only 20c and 40c
Also special musical program arranged by the U. D. C.

"THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS"
WITH RICARDO CORTEZ, LOUISE DRESSER, KATHY WILLIAMS, VIRGINIA LE CORBIN
A JAMES CRUZE PRODUCTION



THURSDAY
SYLVIA BREMER and FRANK MAYO in

"The Woman on the Jury"
Supported by Lew Cody and Robert Bosworth, Mary Carr and Bessie Love. Oh! what a wonderful picture! Personally endorsed by the manager as a 100 per cent attraction to be a picture that will more than please you.

Also "GO-GETTERS" No. 7
Admission 10c and 25c

FAMILY NIGHT **MARY PICKFORD in** **"Tess of the Storm Country"** **"A RIDER OF MYSTERY"** **"FLAMING FORTIES"**



"Tess of the Storm Country"
From the famous story. Old and young alike will enjoy this picture.
Also AESOP FABLES, COMEDY and REVIEW
Admission 10c and 30c
SATURDAY

AFTERNOON—3:00 **"A RIDER OF MYSTERY"**
The Story of a cowboy who was thought to be a Tenderfoot, but who turned out to be a fighting sheriff—wonderful riding, rapid gunplay. See this new star, a cowboy born and raised in the West. With WILL DUNCAN in "THE FAST EXPRESS" No. 5 and Felix the Cat Cartoon. Admission 10c and 20c

SATURDAY NIGHT
HARRY CAREY in
"FLAMING FORTIES"
Carey—you all know him. With "FAST EXPRESS" No. 5 and Felix the Cat Cartoon. Admission 10c and 25c
COMING—POLA NEGRI IN "EAST OF SUEZ"

PETER PAN LETTERS TO MANAGER McCUTCHEN

Manager McCutchen, of the Malone Theatre, treated the grade rooms of the public school to a free pass to the "Peter Pan Matinee", and asked them in return to write him a letter telling what they thought of the play. The following is a partial list:

I am glad that you invited us to your show. I enjoyed it well. It was the best show I ever went to. The best I thought, was Peter Pan fight game and when Peter Pan got the clock.—Julian Reed.

How very nice of you to invite us to the show. I guess it was an expense to you. My whole room liked it fine and I hope we were good. I liked the picture of Peter Pan better than I did the "Covered Wagon".—Lois Darby.

I appreciate your invitation to the show. I thought it was the best I ever saw. The rest of the kids in the room said they enjoyed it too.—S. E. Reed.

I want to write a few lines to tell you I appreciate your kindness for letting the school children in free. I sure liked the show. And I also thank you for giving prizes for the best drawings.—Guy Suvers.

I give you my hearty thanks for the wonderful picture you let the school children see, and I know all of them liked it very much. I am telling you just how much I enjoyed it, as I am sure the rest of the school children did. I liked the picture very much indeed and I want to give you my thanks for the picture "Peter Pan". There has been many wonderful pictures you have had and I liked them, but none such good children pictures as "Peter Pan"—Paul David Malone.

I appreciate your invitation to the show and hope I can invite you to something of ours also. The show was mighty fine, but your invitation was greater still.—Elmer Hill.

I enjoyed the picture "Peter Pan" so much. I hope that some day I can do something like that for you that you will appreciate.—Mayme Jean Wilbur.

I certainly did appreciate the show that you gave Tuesday, which was "Peter Pan". Everybody that I asked about it said it was fine, so I thought I would let you know that we all liked it and enjoyed it.—Lee Hahn.

I certainly appreciated the "Peter Pan" show and I liked the comedy too and I liked it all.—Gladys Johnson.

I liked the picture of "Peter Pan" and enjoyed the picture as well as I liked it and appreciated the kindness for letting us in.—Lena Stone.

I enjoyed "Peter Pan" very much, especially where they were flying over the house tops and them after "Captain Hook." I am glad to thank you for your kindness.—Billy Malone.

It is very nice of you to invite the school. It was the only picture I liked. Are you going to give a bank account to the one who draws the best "Peter Pan"? If you are, tell me and I will work for it.—Sam Bowman, Jr.

In behalf of Miss Shy's room, grades 4 and 5 B, I wish to thank you for inviting us to see "Peter Pan", free. We surely did enjoy it. We think it is one of the best pictures we have ever seen. I liked it even better than I did "The Covered Wagon". Thank you again for your kindness.—Wootton Inez Hollingsworth.

I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am sorry that I did not get to go to your show. My little brother and sister were sick.—Elizabeth.

It was very nice of you to invite us to the show. "Peter Pan" was the best of all. I liked where he flew around the room and where he lost his shadow. It sure was nice.—Hughlyn Hawkins.

I surely did like "Peter Pan". It is the best show I have seen yet and I surely thank you for your invitation.—Guy T. Myers.

I appreciated the show very much. I like "Peter Pan" the best of all. I think the last was the best. I was very glad to go to your show. It is the best I have gone to yet.—Pearl Fulkerson.

I want to thank you for the invitation to "Peter Pan". I thought it was very good.—Frederick Howden. I surely did enjoy the picture of "Peter Pan" that was showed yesterday. I liked the sword fight.—Norval Beck.

I surely did like the show. It was fine. The picture of "Peter Pan" was best. I thought.—Bryant Briggs.

It is very nice of you to invite all of the school boys and girls to the show. I thought Peter Pan was the best of all. Mr. McCutchen, mother is inviting you to my party, February 14.—Lillian Patterson.

I think the show was just fine. But I think it was kind of you to invite us to see the show. And the best part of Peter Pan, is where Wendy's little

brother was fighting and stepped on him. But all of it was good.—Doyle Darby.

Manager McCutchen offered \$2 cash for the three best drawings of Peter Pan, made by grade children, which were won by Paul David Malone, Hazel Lamsden and Suvers. These young folks are expected to meet Mr. McCutchen at the theatre Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, when he will go with them to open an account with the \$2 at the banks.

Mr. McCutchen wishes to thank the teachers and parents for helping him entertain the children with the Peter Pan matinee, as it was a pleasure to give this treat to the children.

AT MALONE THEATRE MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Mother love, the strongest power in the universe!

The love of a mother, her sacrifices and her heartaches, forms the background for the new James Cruze Paramount production, "The City That Never Sleeps", which comes to the Malone Theatre on Monday and Tuesday.

It is the type of a picture which Cruze knows best how to do. It gets down under the emotion-proof armor which mortals wear, and probes deep into human hearts. It is a story of mother-love that bright lights could not kill, and which flamed at its highest in the din of a modern jazz cafe.

It is the story of "Mother O'Day", a character created by Leroy Scott in his story by that name. Louise Dresser plays the part, and other featured players include such sterling artists as Kathryn Williams, Richard Cortez and Virginia Lee Corbin.

The story begins in a saloon in the Bowery in 1910. Tim O'Day, big-hearted young saloonkeeper, is slain in defense of a girl. He leaves his young wife and their baby daughter. The saloon is thriving, but Mother O'Day feels that a Bowery saloon is no place to rear a child.

Through secret negotiations with an attorney, she manages to have the child adopted by an impoverished Fifth Avenue society woman who has social pretensions, and for fourteen years she deliberately conceals her relationship with the girl, who grows to glorious young womanhood and a leading place in the fast young set of New York society.

Prohibition has closed the saloons, and Mother O'Day has converted the place into a modern jazz cafe. Her income, year by year, goes through the lawyer's hands and into the purse of the society woman who has adopted the girl as her niece.

Among those who frequented the cafe was Mark Roth (Ricardo Cortez), an affable stranger. Mother O'Day believed him to be a fortune hunter. His air of breeding had won him free to the society in which the girl (Virginia Lee Corbin) moved. They became engaged.

One night Roth takes the girl, known as Molly Kendall, to the cafe. Mother O'Day, who has kept in touch with her daughter through newspaper counts and occasional glimpses as she rode through the park, recognizes her, but is shocked to observe that he is half-intoxicated, smoking cigars and behaving very unladylike.

Indignant, Mother O'Day orders her daughter and her escort from the cafe. A tense scene ensues. The girl, having no suspicion that Mother O'Day is, in fact, her own mother, trusts her and mocks her. When they reach home, the girl induces her foster-mother to use her influence to have the cafe closed, and this the society woman (Miss Williams) proceeds to do, not knowing that the cafe the source of her secret revenue.

At that moment the situation tightens. Director Cruze utilizes his wide knowledge of human nature to build a tremendous plot which leads to an entirely unsuspected climax.

F. Keith was a business visitor in town Wednesday of this week.

H. Welch returned Thursday morning from a business trip to St. Louis.

Lilce Farris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Farris, is very ill with typhoid.

Giff Dye and family and C. C. Reef Benton were Sikeston visitors Wednesday.

FGALE—Ford truck body for Foodmaster. Will sell cheap if taken in time.—Bill Shain. Itpd.

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Cherries, red pitted, No. 2 cans	23c
Peas, Fancy No. 3 Sieve, 2 cans for	25c
Milk, Pet or Armour's, large cans	10c
Post Toasties, large pkgs., 2 for	35c
Baking Powder, K. C. 25-oz. cans	21c
Baking Powder, Calumet, 16-oz. cans	30c

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Mrs. C. B. Richards entertained Wednesday Bridge Club at her home on Main Street.

Mesdames A. F. Moore, H. E. Hunter, accompanied by Miss Marguerite Dawson and Howard Hampton, motored to Cape Girardeau Monday and visited Mrs. D. J. Kellere and family.

Allen Harris of St. Louis arrived Monday on a visit to his mother, Mrs. R. D. Harris of this city.

H. E. Morrison of Sikeston was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howard were business visitors in Portageville last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pinnell and the latter's sister, Miss Columbe Dawson, spent Tuesday in Cairo.

G. F. Deane of Matthews was looking after business matters in New Madrid Tuesday.

Lee Hunter of St. Louis spent last Thursday in New Madrid looking after his farming interest in Southeast Missouri.

The Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will hold their regular bi-monthly meeting with Mrs. Lizzie Park on North Main.

Deputy Sheriff George De Lisle left Tuesday night for Farmington with Rodney W. Ewell, who was adjudged insane by the New Madrid County Court.

Mrs. George La Plant and daughter Mrs. Ralph Hudson of East Prairie spent Saturday in New Madrid.

Attorney Robert A. Cox of Malden was a business visitor in New Madrid Tuesday.

The Eastern Stars held a public installation and banquet at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening.

Geo. M. Meier of Parma was a business visitor in New Madrid Tuesday.

Mrs. Josephine Hart of this city, accompanied R. M. Hart and family of Hoincombe to Hot Springs, Ark., for a stay, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collier of Gideon spent Saturday in New Madrid.

Mrs. W. T. Royer and daughter, Miss Hilma, who spent the holidays with the former's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rassmussen of Chicago, returned home last Friday.

C. M. Smith, Jr., of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid, Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Jeffers and daughter of Caruthersville arrived last Friday on a visit to Mrs. Etta Faust and family.

J. E. Smith, Sr., C. M. Smith, Sr., and the latter's son Alfred Smith, accompanied by Atty. M. E. Montgomery, of Sikeston were business visitors in New Madrid, Thursday.

Mrs. Augusta Pinnell left last week for Eau Gallie, Fla., where she will spend the winter months.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

Jas. W. Hendrix, and wife to Ernest Underwood: Lots 10 to 17, blk. E Fairview addition Portageville. \$560.

Taylor Welshan and wife to Claude and Marian Hubbard: Lots 1, 10, 11, 12, blk. 4. A. Lewis 2nd Addition to Libbourn. \$1260.

E. J. Keith and wife to W. M. Long and wife: All that part of sec. 36-24-13 E. lying west of center of Ash Slough ditch. 254.91 acres. \$8,236.50.

Mayne I. Lance and husband to John Ashley: Lot 6 blk. 1 Matthews 3rd addition to Matthews. \$1,000.

Cora Fairchild and husband to J. S. Neely: 36 acres off the south end of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 sec. 3-20-10. \$1500.

Ernest E. Underwood and wife to Bryan Swilley: Lots 10-17 blk. E Fairview addition to Portageville. \$900.

Robt. T. Lindley and wife to Chas. W. Wilson: NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 sec. 17-23-16. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

J. B. Morris and wife to Grover and Martha Bagby: South half of lot 1 of the NW 1/4 sec. 19, 40 acres, S 1/2 of lot 2 of the NW 1/4 sec. 19. 43.92 acres. \$8392.

A. C. Sikes and wife to Lester C. Rodes: Tract 4 or NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 sec. 33 in the W 1/2 sec. 33-23-11. 40 acres. \$3200.

R. T. Johnson and wife to Lester C. Rodes: Tract 2 or SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 sec. 33 in the W 1/2 sec. 33-23-11. \$4,000.

Samuel D. Elain and wife to Roy F. Lain: S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 sec. 29-21-11. \$4000.

Edwin M. Sorbett to L. M. Rose: Lot 4, blk. 10, Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co. 2nd add. to Risco. \$50.

Marriage License

Raymond Weston, Murphysboro, Ill. and Miss Margaret Gill, Libbourn.

Carl Holfield and Votra Baker, of Sikeston.

Otto Martin and Jessie Stella Shaver, both of Libbourn.

Jake Williams and Edna Grubb, Parma.

Scott Humphreys, Royalton, Ill., and Estelle Neumann, Marston.

Gertrude Atherton, author, is a great-grandniece of Benjamin Franklin.

Mrs. Robert Crowe of Caruthersville, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Phillips of Malden and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grant were guests of Mrs. Reeve Smith, Thursday.

The saying, "Let loose the dogs of war", once had a meaning. In the Middle Ages dogs were sent out toward the cavalry of the enemy with kettles of burning resin on their backs, the odor, smoke and flame of which naturally excited the horses. A stout jacket of leather underneath the kettle protected the dogs in case the hot resin was spilled.

A woman, accompanied by a coffin, left the London docks recently for the United States. She has been a widow for 20 years and her loyalty to her husband's memory is such that she cannot bear the thought that they might be buried in separate graves. She therefore, never books a passage without the proviso that she shall not be buried at sea.

MELDRUM POST 114 ELECT OFFICERS

The members of Henry Meldrum Post No. 114, of the American Legion, held a meeting Sunday, January 11, at the Armory in Russell Brothers building and the new officers for 1925 were elected as follows:

Harold Hebbeler—Post Commander.

Rufus Reed, Vice Commander.

Paul Slinkard, Finance Officer.

Harry E. Dudley, Adjutant.

Tanner C. Dye, Historian.

Brown Jewell, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Armory will be the regular meeting place of this Post hereafter.

Talks were made on how to interest the members in attending the coming meeting and a Ladies' Auxiliary in the near future is a probability.

Wigs are flat, round buns, eaten on St. Catherine's Day in those districts of Buckinghamshire where wood turnery is carried on. The wig represents the wheel on which St. Catherine was martyred.

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LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

W. H. Deane and Howard Steele motored to Catron Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford entertained Sunday with a 12 o'clock dinner complimentary to the former's birthday. Covers were laid for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyer and little daughter, of Sikeston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews of Sikeston, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gossitt and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Ridge.

Hubert Riley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Riley have moved from Arkansas near Matthews, where they will make a cotton crop. Some more cotton growers from the South. We surely hope the cotton will do better this year than last, owing to the fact that so many are going to depend on cotton this season.

L. Deane had business in Sikeston, Monday.

DOGHILL PARAGRAHS

A peckerwood may have a hard head but he never gets too busy to stop and listen.

Dock Hocks says lots of us will keep on fooling around trouble and then appear much surprised when we get our foot in it.

Tobe Mossy says from the number of people who each day ask him what the weather is going to do, they must think he has bought a controlling interest in it.

Fletcher Henstep who got contrary and voted against good roads at the last election, was hollered at today by several passersby who observed him and his team stuck tight and fast in a mud hole.

Luke Mathewsia says he wishes somebody would please tell him who that fellow is who has been standing for so long in the front par of the almanac and why in the world the doctors did not sew him backup when they performed the operation.

There was a thrilling and unexpected climax to the melo-drama being played at the Tickville Opera House Saturday night. It seems that in act IV the villain after conforming the old man and his heplss wife, was crouching at the moneysafe in which reposed the deed to the property, and just at this crucial moment he was frightened away by the explosion of a big fire crackers-one in the audience tossed into the heating stove.

Hunting for mammoth ivory in the northern-most parts of Siberia is a regular business and in the past century the yield has been estimated at from twenty to thirty tons.

From the good you will learn good if you mix with the bad you will lose what sense you have. When you undertake great affairs, confide in but few.—Maxims of Theognis, the Greek poet of the sixth century B. C.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

John Paul Bratton fell at school broke his arm again. He had just had it out of the sling four days from a previous break.

Miss Fannie Smith of Arkansas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Joe Hight for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff entertained a few friends on Monday evening. Those present were Mesdames W. R. Griffin, Josephine Hart, Hazel Wallace, D. L. Fisher, Misses Madge Davis, Hattie Harp, Mary Lamb and Ed Griffin, E. F. Walden and D. L. Fisher.

Miss Myrtle Shattan of Indiana, a renowned evangelist, thirteen years of age, is preaching at the Nazarene Church Thursday and Friday of this week. Rev. Shattan preached her first sermon when five years of age. She has preached through the central west including other points in Southeast Missouri with marked success, holding her audiences with keen attention.

The last session of the night school at Lander's Ridge, was not well attended due to bad weather. A good program is promised Monday night.

Miss E. Hart and members of the high school are busy at work on an annual. Pictures of every member of the high school have been taken and appropriate pictures of teams and special units. The cost of the undertaking, which will be about \$700.00, will be met by subscriptions, advertising, a high school play and other social functions.

The Fox Bakery and Variety Store Co. is remodeling and enlarging its store rooms.

The girls basketball team of the high school defeated Canolou in a rough game Tuesday night, the score being 25 to 8. The Matthews team forfeited to our boys on the same night. Both the Morehouse teams have a 100 per cent record in the Southeast Missouri league, having won all their games.

The Peoples Bank of Morehouse held their annual stockholders meeting Tuesday, electing the following directors: W. Crumpecker, J. S. Wallace, A. H. Percy of Canolou, Dr. F. A. Elders, Wm. Taylor, Bryce Edwards and F. G. Zillmer.

Mrs. John Peeler has removed to Morehouse from Kennett.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Hickman Mills—Hard-surface road completed between this place and Belton.

Croton—McElroy Sloane Shoe Co. to double capacity of plant.

Keytesville—New postoffice building to be erected.

Rayville—Oil well being drilled near here.

Branson—Concrete swimming pool under construction.

Richards—Cheese manufacturing concern to start operations soon.

Pioneer—Commerce Mining Co. of Miami, Oka., drilling oil well near here.

Southeast Missouri largest lead-producing district in United States.

Independence—Two school buildings under construction.

Kansas City—Motion picture theater building being erected on Indiana avenue.

Marshall—Contracts let for erection of two dormitories at state hospital for feeble-minded.

Danforth—Road being improved west of here.

Red Springs—New high school building being erected.

Kansas City—Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol congregation plans erection of new synagogue.

Republic—Good headway being made on construction of shoe factory.

Branson—Ozark Leaf Tobacco Co. to open warehouse January 8.

Carthage—Ozark Hatchery moves into larger quarters.

Cartersville—High school gymnasium nearing completion.

Thayer—New fire truck placed in service.

Kansas City—Thirty-first street to be widened.

Thayer—New highway completed between this place and Koshkonong.

Sullivan—Bennett hotel to be improved.

St. Louis—Contract let for construction of Lee Harry Tate memorial hall at University of Missouri.

Bloomfield—Local telephone service being improved.

Aaron Cupp, 94, and the oldest man in Ohio to receive a hunting license, went out before breakfast and shot four rabbits at Lancaster, O. He says that hunting keeps him young.

SAFE WANTED—Small safe.—Sikeston Electric Laundry.

WANTED—An office girl. Apply at Sikeston Electric Laundry.

Fred Smith of La Valle was in Sikeston Thursday, transacting business.

W. E. Derris left Thursday morning for Alton, Ill., to be with his son Jim, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Myer motored to Blytheville, Ark., Wednesday for a short visit.

Charles Stubbs of Blodgett transacted business in Sikeston Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The city officials have put up stop signals at some of our main crossings where it will be necessary for all automobiles to come to a full stop. The officials ask all drivers to strictly observe these boulevard stops for safety sake and to stop all speeding on the streets.

The Aces and Ramblers, the two basketball teams of the Sikeston high school, were in Morehouse on Tuesday night using the Morehouse basketball court for a practice game. Sometime during the game, someone entered the dressing rooms of the gym and relieved the boys of their change. To date, we haven't heard just how much was taken.

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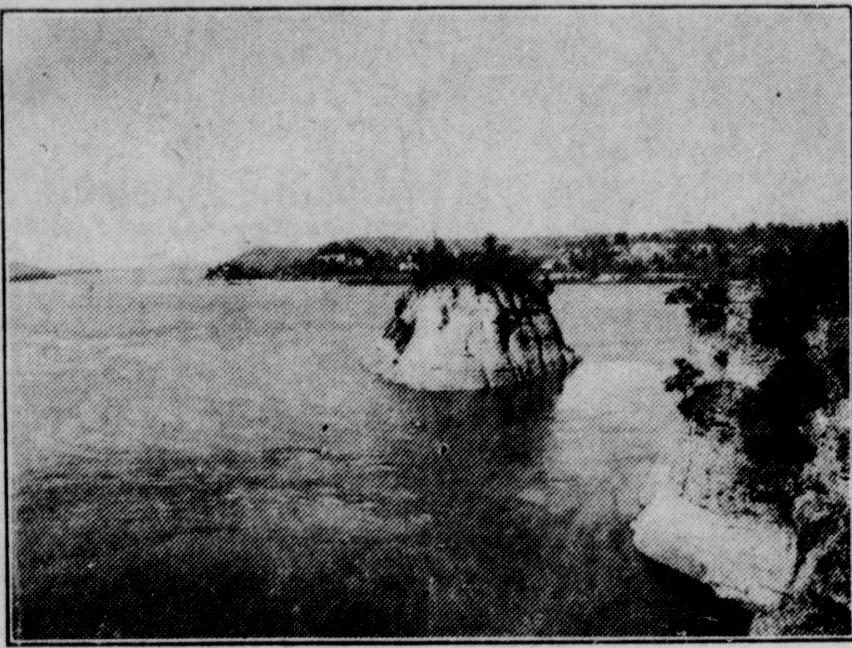
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An unusual point of interest on the Frisco's Memphis line is "The Rock of the Cross", an island in the Mississippi at Wittenberg, Mo., that is said to be the smallest National Park in the world. The first white man to land on this island was Father St. Cosme, who erected a cross on it in 1699. For many years this cross stood upon the summit of the rock and served as a beacon to the pio-

ARAB LIFE IN THE OASES OF THE SAHARA

Scattered here and there on the Sahara Desert are the oases, which owe their existence always to the presence of springs and wells. The role which these beautiful little havens of

neers of the wilderness, telling them that before them had passed men of the Christian religion. In recent years while reclamation work was being done on the river bank at this point, it was proposed to blast away the island, but nearby residents petitioned the government to spare it and accordingly the Secretary of the Interior set it aside as a National Park.

Set much like stars in the heavens,

the trails made between them resemble the figures resulting from drawing lines between the members of stellar constellations. But aside from their geographic importance they have their place in the economic, religious and social life of the people.

Just south of the great chains of mountains which separate the Sahara from the Mediterranean is a long, irregular line of these oases fed by the streams which descend either on the surface of in subterranean courses from the highlands. Here and there the clear mountain waters give life to the soil and make it blossom forth in a luxuriance of date palms, fig trees and smaller plants that are in the greatest contrast to the ordinary sparse growth of the desert.

Each nomad tribe that spends most of the time moving from place to place seeking fresh pasture for its flocks and herds has its base on one of these oases. Here the tribe owns land, as shown by mud-walled houses and gardens, and here certain members stay throughout the year to keep guard over the property and to care for the date palms.

Under the cool shade of the trees, the great leaves of which murmur overhead in accompaniment to the trickling of the crystal like water as it courses through the small irrigating canals, there is an unexcelled charm and loveliness throughout all but the hottest months of the year.

It is to these gardens that the nomad peoples return at certain seasons to enjoy a little change and rest from the rigors of the desert and to replenish their stores for the long months of frugal desert life ahead. The date harvest brings them in from wherever they may be, for the gathering of this important fruit, which is so readily dried and transported and thus serves such admirable desert fare, is closely attended to by the nomads.

But it is not only to harvest their dates and to visit their relatives that the nomads come to the oases. There is always a certain amount of trading to be done, and for this purpose the Arab men drive their loaded camels and donkeys across the wastelands into the oases. Often the camels graze as they move along, dozing only a few miles each day. Each oasis village is girded round with walls made of mud and straw, and often the desert dwellers pitch their black cloth tents outside the walls. Entering the crude wooden gates, the Arabs proceed with the camels and donkeys to the market place.

Of all the interesting places in the world there are few that exceed the market place of an oasis. Camels, donkeys, horses and goats are all jostled together in a mixed assembly. The little donkeys, their loads of firewood on the ground beside them, are often busy scratching each other's necks with their teeth. The goats are tussling with each other as actively as the ropes that time them will allow.

In the corner the stately old camels are grinding their jaws, swinging their heads on their loose necks as they do so while the baby camels, often almost too young to stand, regardless of the fact that they appear to be nothing but legs, are busily engaged in drawing their meals from their mothers.

The Arabs are bargaining either at the shops, little holes set in the mud-walled houses that surround the square, or under the arcades of a separate building called a "suk". Goods of all kinds are on display from manufactured articles such as mirrors and knives to native-made shoes and carpets. And no sale is consummated in a hurry, but only after much haggling and bickering.

Among the characters at the "suk" some are of darker tint even than the swarthy Arabs. These are the people of the negro admixture who have reached North Africa by accompanying the caravans across the Sahara. Here and there is a jet-black individual dressed in a fantastic garb of animal skins adorned with mirrors and other sparkling trinkets, a skin-topped wooden drum hanging from his neck. He appears to be a wandering shaman of a savage tribe and with short, reverberating beats he pounds out a wild rhythm that he accompanies with a fearsome, whirling dance.

Seldom does an Arab come into an oasis but that he pays a visit to the mosque. This crude whitewashed structure whose minaret rises among the green palm trees was probably erected in the memory of some saint or holy man. Here a school for the boys is carried on, and here they gather with wooden boards of the Koran in front of them, reciting in loud voices the words that mean little more to them than sounds.

From the top of the minaret one can see the oasis laid out before him. Clustered round the mosque and market place are mud-walled houses, broken only by narrow, crooked lanes. Beyond these are gardens filled with swaying palm trees. Then there is the wall with the gates and beyond the gates the roads or trails along which the camel trains are approaching or departing.

Below in a corner of the market

place are several Arabs preparing to follow others who have departed. The baby camels belong to them—they are huddled. They are loaded into bags which are tied one on each side of a camel's back. The heads and forelegs of the little beasts are all that are visible as they are carried off to the desert to grow up on the meager sustenance of their native soil.—Christian Science Monitor.

EDITOR COMMENTS ON CRIME REMEDY

"Piling criminals into Penitentiaries or adding to 'criminal state' to the union is no remedy for the crime wave. We have a criminal 'state' of affairs now," is the declaration of A. Rosenthal, editor of "The Modern View", in an editorial in the current issue of the publication in which he commented on Federal Judge Faris' suggestion of an isolated state to house criminals.

"Prohibition has done its share to add violators of the law. Judge Gary and others now urge President Coolidge to enforce the prohibition law. If the President does this and all transgressors of the Volstead law are actually jailed, one-half of the United States may be required for incarceration of the 'felons', especially on New Year's eve.

"If we further included all criminals, rich and poor, not convicted because of spineless prosecutors, evasion under legal guidance, wavering juries, cowardly judges or corrupt influences, there might be several more states needed for the segregation of the sinners against laws and the Decalogue".

In his editorial Rosenthal indicated the need of "something more than prisons". He says less emphasis on money-making, less stress on shows, less dissipation and greater force on simpler living, simpler pleasures, fewer time-payment opportunities that lead to dangerous extravagances in luxuries and re-establishment of homes to counteract criminals, big and little, is the better way.

"More honest tolerance," he said, "more nonsectarian common sense, more open courage to hold up the hands of fearless courts and brave officials by every one who cares for public decency and safety—this is the best recipe from the serious abnormal situation of our times. To this end, every citizen who is not eligible to jail, should starve sincerely".

ILLINOIS FARMERS WARNED AGAINST OVER-OPTIMISM

Urbana, Jan. 12.—Forecasts of record-breaking prosperity for 1923 should not sweep Illinois farmers off their feet, according to a warning sounded here today by Dr. Charles L. Stewart, Director of Agriculture Economics, University of Illinois, in an address before the annual Farmers' Week.

The best way to be assured that the coming year will reward farmers "is to continue to emphasize economy in production and sanity in marketing," he added, "that by no means should the throttle be opened wide for heavy increases in production, except as weather may swell yields."

Full use of present price advantages in cutting down debts and strengthening one's position as a bank customer is a sound policy for Illinois farmers to follow during 1925, he recommended.

Simple farm account records kept in the past few years by several hundred Illinois farmers in co-operation with the Illinois Agricultural College show that one-third of the owners of these farms lost an average of about \$2000 profit in 1923 through "leaks" in the farm business which could have been stopped up with improved management, M. L. Mosher, farm management extension specialist, told the farmers.

Even the best managed farms have leaks which allow incomes amounting to several hundred dollars a year to slip out of the operator's reach, Mosher said.

Kitchen Accidents

If the egg falls and the shell cracks or a piece chips out, add a few drops of vinegar to the water in which it is boiled and the white will not run.

When you oversalt the food you can draw it out by placing a cloth over the top of saucepan and let it stand on stove. You will soon see the salt on the cloth.

If you use too hot an iron you can remove the traces of damage by dampening the scorched spot with peroxide of hydrogen, then pressing it and placing it in the sun to dry.

When the water boils out and the food becomes scorched set the sauce pan in a kettle of cold water for a while, then transfer the food, removing that which is too badly scorched to another pan and the family will not detect the mishap.

A church which had been disused for some time has been altered into a very desirable residence by the lady who bought it when it was sold by auction.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. Albert Deane, Mrs. G. D. Steel and Mrs. Floe Moore were in Cape Girardeau last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and little son went to Bernie Wednesday on business.

A number of people from here motored to Catron Saturday evening to attend a dance.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Burch is still very low. Dr. Presnell was again called from Sikeston Friday morning to see the little one. Everything is being done to prolong the little one's life, but it seems it can't pull thru.

Miss Addie James of Sikeston spent the week-end in Matthews.

Mrs. O. K. Mainord and children and Mrs. Nannie Mainord of New Madrid, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrd.

Ted Atchley of Sikeston was a Matthews visitor, Thursday.

Miss Menda Atchley and daughter Miss Virgie, and Mrs. Luke French of Sikeston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby Wednesday.

Matthews boys played a game of basketball with the Sikeston boys last Friday. The score was 49-5 in favor of Matthews.

The high school students enjoyed a weiner roast Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Loraine and Charley Gardner.

W. H. Deane went to Morehouse on Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter were Sikeston visitors, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Latimer visited relatives in Marston, Sunday.

G. F. Deane and Howard Steele went to Catron Saturday, on business.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Coomer Thursday evening and left a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford and Alfred Gossitt were Sikeston visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Lancaster and children and Mrs. James Lancaster motored to Sikeston Friday, where Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Lancaster went to take their little daughter to a doctor.

Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit and little daughter and Miss Frankie Deane of New Madrid spent the week-end in Matthews with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane.

L. O. Harper went to Sikeston last Thursday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty of Sikeston visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Tenny Burch, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elderbrooks motored to Canolou Sunday to visit the latter's daughter, Mrs. Jas. Koglin.

Mrs. Sarah Buchanan is visiting relatives in Sikeston and Miner Switch this week.

The four-room house which L. Deane has been building for Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt, is just about completed. They moved in the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons have bought the old home place of John Gossitt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deane and daughter Lillith, William Deane, G. F. Deane, Mrs. S. A. Fox, Mrs. Amanda Long and daughter, Miss Sallie, James Rogers, Mrs. Rub Barnhart, Miss Mary Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deane had son, motored to Lilbourn Wednesday to attend the funeral of H. W. Fox, nephew of Mrs. Will Deane, who died in Richmond, Va., Saturday, January 3.

Mrs. Dick Burch of Oran visited relatives in Matthews last week.

FARMER KILLS SON-IN-LAW

Poplar Bluff, Jan. 13.—Domestic difficulties between Roland Goff, 25 years old, of Dexter, and his wife led to the killing of Goff by his father-in-law, James Smith, 55, a farmer. Recently Goff's wife left him and Goff, thinking she had gone to her father's home south of Dexter, went after her Monday evening. He carried a shot gun with him. Smith came to the door, and when Goff asked for his wife he told him that she was not there. Goff is alleged to have said, "Smith, one of us two is going to die".

Smith had a loaded shotgun inside the door. He fired at Goff who was mortally wounded. Smith left the wounded man and took his family to the house of a neighbor, where he telephoned the Sheriff. Sheriff Barham and Prosecutor Powell an hour later found Goff dead inside the Smith house. He had walked thru several rooms. Smith was released on \$5000 bond.

A fish that "shouts" and carries its own lights has been discovered in Monterey Bay, Cal. A U-shaped air bladder accounts for the "shouting". The fish drives the gaseous contents of this bladder from one end to the other, passing through a small connection with such force as to cause a loud noise. In addition, this finny oddity sports 250 phosphorescent disks.

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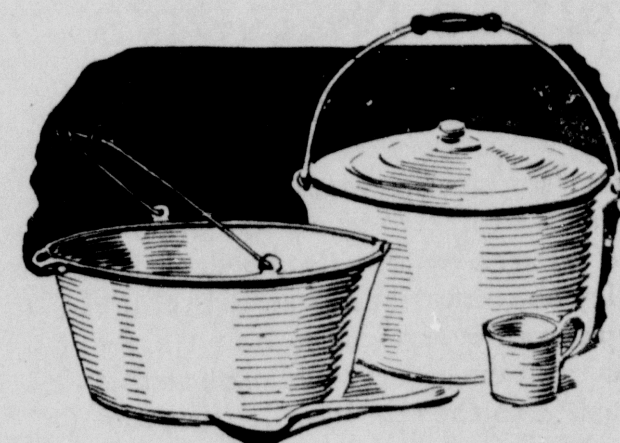
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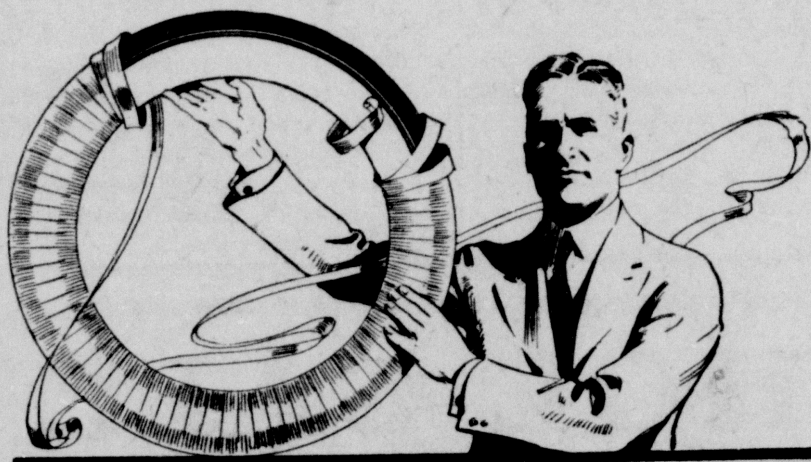
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STATE PARK COMMISSION BUYS 3 MORE LARGE TRACTS

Jefferson City, Jan. 11.—Three more large tracts of land in the Ozark mountain country of Southern Missouri were purchased yesterday by the State Park Commission, it was announced at the game and fish department. The consumation of the deals was completed following the ruling today of Judge Henry West-hues in the Cole County Circuit Court, here that the State park appropriation act made by the last legislature was valid and that the purchases by the Park Commission were valid. The three new tracts purchased today were:

Big Spring tract, located in Carter County near Van Buren and consisting of 4000 acres, costing \$31,000, an average of about \$5 an acre. This land has the largest spring in the entire United States upon it, according to State Game Commissioner Frank Wielandy. It flows 445,000,000 gallons of water a day, according to State tests.

Ellington tract in Reynolds County, made up of 6140 acres, to cost approximately \$19,400.

Alley Spring tract, located in Shannon County and consisting of 471 acres, costing approximately \$31,500. This land has one of the largest springs upon it. It is known as Alley Springs and flows 53,000,000 gallons a day.

Two large tracts were purchased before the injunction proceedings held up further purchases. They were the

Lennox Ranch in Dent County, consisting of 12,000 acres and the Rounds Springs tract in Shannon County, made up of 75 acres. The Lennox tract was bought by the State for 50,593 and the Rounds Springs land, named also for a big spring upon it, was purchased for about \$5,000.

A trial recently held in the Woman's Court in New York was marked by the total absence of men. Six women, charged with various offenses, were tried by women judges, women lawyers and women detectives, and all the court attendants were women.

Archeologists are excavating the ancient Roman city of Leptis Magna, buried beneath the sands of the Libyan Desert in Northern Africa. No other buried city so far discovered has been found so intact, with the exception of Pompeii; and Pompeii, while yielding magnificent statuary, cannot boast of such architectural splendor as found at Leptis Magna.

"Speak, Speak! Thou fearful guest"—A skeleton in ancient Spanish armor was found under a rock 18 miles south of La Junta, Colorado, recently by several boys. Historians believe it to be a member of a band that traversed that part of the country under the leadership of the Don Vasquez Coronado. The armor plate is covered with ivory. On it are figures believed to be Roman numerals. Parts of a copper gun stock and an ancient flintlock blunderbuss were also found nearby.

FIND RARE JEWELRY IN 1000-YEAR-OLD APARTMENT

A beautiful turquoise necklace and four large ear pendants, the first complete object of its kind ever found in an ancient American town, has been discovered in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, in the ruins of the 800-room apartment house occupied one thousand years ago by twelve hundred Indian farmers, Neil M. Judd of the U. S. National Museum has announced.

This necklace was one of a number of ornaments, including abalone shell pendants and jet finger rings, which were unearthed by the 1924 Pueblo Bonita expedition of the National Geographic Society under the direction of Mr. Judd. In the refuse heaps of the once prosperous village, which consisted of one apartment house in which the whole farming community lived, was also found evidence that two distinct types of prehistoric, sedentary Indians occupied the apartments contemporaneously throughout many generations. They possessed different kinds of utensils and different types of architecture, but both were agriculturists by preference, cultivating considerable areas of now sterile soil.

The prehistoric fame of Pueblo Bonita, as the abandoned apartment house is now called, attracted itinerant merchants from Central Mexico and the coast of California, who brought upon their backs cages containing live parrots and macaws from tropical jungles and bundles of abalone, halibut, and other bright-colored shells from Pacific waters for sale to the rich Bonitan farmers.

These secrets of the past have lain buried in the ruins of Pueblo Bonita for probably ten centuries, as the town was unknown and unvisited by early Spanish explorers in the Southwest.

Ford and Co-operative Marketing

Henry Ford's anti-Semitic campaign has gone off at a tangent which brings upon him the threat of a million-dollar libel suit. Aaron Sapiro, the author of the threat, objects to such statements as:

This whole Kahn-Baruch-Lasker-Rosenwald-Sapiro program is carefully planned to turn over to an organized international interest the entire agricultural industry of the republic. Between the lines one reads the story of the Jewish communistic movement in America which seeks to make of the United States what it has already made of Russia.

Sapiro is an organizer of agricultural co-operatives, such as the Raisin Growers' Society of California and the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association of Kentucky. He and the other men mentioned by Ford was deeply interested in the success of the co-operative marketing movement, which has already put millions of dollars into the farmers' pockets.

While Ford cites Kahn, Baruch and Sapiro as leaders of this movement, he neglects to add certain other names, such as ex-Gov. Frank O. Lowden, Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Agriculture Gore and even President Coolidge. Within the past week the last three have made speeches in advocacy of the co-operative marketing principle.

In view of Ford's statements, two points should be made: First, that the leadership of the movement is not confined to any clique or group, but is shared by outstanding men of both parties and all beliefs; next, the movement necessarily works through the independent judgment of the American farmer, a hard-headed individualist who hasn't a soviet bone in his body.

Incidentally, co-operative marketing is the most important constructive economic program in the United States today and it is the only existing machinery through which farmers can supplant the present haphazard system of merchandising their products with a scientific, orderly disposition of the fruits of their toil.—Post-Dispatch.

In the church at Mullion Town, Cornwall, a thoughtful medieval ecclesiastic provided a devil's door near the font, through which the devil may escape when the sponsors renounce him and all his works.

Ginseng is supposed by the Chinese to possess peculiar curative qualities, but reputable physicians of this country do not consider it of much value. Consequently the entire output of ginseng in this country is exported to China.

SMALL HOG PRODUCTION INDICATED THIS YEAR

Washington, January 13.—A hog crop this year as small as any year in the last ten years and an acute shortage of hog products in 1925 were indicated in a December 1 survey, as announced today by the Department of Agriculture.

The survey showed that sows farrowed last fall were 28.2 per cent fewer than those farrowed in the fall of 1923, but the decrease in pigs was only 22.2 per cent, due to a higher average saved per litter. In the corn belt the decrease in sows farrowed was 30.6 per cent, but in pig production it was only 23.4 per cent. Decreases were smaller in other sections of the country.

The department estimates the number of sows to farrow next spring in the corn belt will be reduced 15 to 25 per cent with a similar decline for the country as a whole.

Despite the smaller crop the movement of hogs to market direct was almost as large as during the previous year the department said, and the December slaughter was the largest ever recorded.

Resolve On Thrift

Tonight, having in mind sundry phenomena much in evidence just now, I would urge you, if you are not already among the really thrifty, to include in your New Year's resolves a firm determination to set up a financial reserve for your later years.

And further resolves, if inexperienced in saving, to seek, and act on the advice of truly competent counselors. Don't let yourself be misled, through recklessness or ignorance, into the truly terrible misery of a poverty-stricken old age.

Statistics of governmental departments and benevolent associations bear appalling testimony to the number of aged persons at this very moment suffering the pangs of dependence on public charity or the alms of friends. Nor is the pathos of their plight lessened by the fact that in many cases—one might even say in most cases, their present poverty need not have been.

Comparatively few are those so situated all their days that they could not possibly make some provision for life's twilight. The trouble is that multitudes, in their full flush of earning power, give no thought to the unpleasant truth that inevitably a day will come when they can no longer earn.

Enjoyment possibilities of the present hold their attention, and many among them even mortgage the future to increase present comforts and luxuries. Whether or no they really can afford the "conveniences" of our extraordinary epoch—from motor cars to costly electrical household appliances—they must have them, though it means going heavily into debt.

Multitudes more while sensing the importance of saving something, make the mistake of confusing speculation with thrift. It would be difficult to over-estimate the number of aged who are poor simply because they took unreasonable chances with the money meant to sustain them later.

Four or five per cent interest on one's savings does in truth seem small, when offers are continually being made of "investment" to yield from 10 to 20 or more per cent in annual income. Yet the plain fact remains that such offers usually are but bait to entrap the unwary, and their acceptance is all too likely to mean no income whatever and a total loss of all the funds "invested".

Recent statistics, carefully compiled, give one billion dollars as the sum annually filched from the saving public by vendors of fraudulent stocks. In the main this colossal amount comes from those who can least afford to lose anything—and who, having lost, are in many, many cases doomed to an old age of poverty.

Too late then is their regret that they did not content themselves with the moderate return that safe investment gives, did not seek good advice before parting with their hard-earned capital. Their opportunity for an independent, care-free old age has gone.

In sum, waste and unthinking speculation may fairly be accounted the major causes of poverty among the old. Avoidance of these may not mean wealth, but it is the best possible insurance against the misery of want in the years of growing weakness.—H. Addington Bruce.

The Palaungs are a people dwelling in Burma. The Palaung child is taught never to go under a ladder, because the influence of the person upon the ladder—or that of the last person who climbed it—may descend upon the person underneath.

Japanese hyacinths which now infest the Laguna de Bay and other waterways in the Philippines constitute a menace to navigation, and within a few years, unless they are exterminated, navigation in the Bay and the Pasig River will be impossible.



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FIGHT ON CHILD LABOR RAIFICATION LOOMS

Jefferson City, Mo., January 13.—Opposition to the ratification of the child labor amendment to the Constitution of the United States House of Representatives.

A resolution that the amendment should be rejected was introduced by Representative W. Freeland, Republican, of Haney County, but it was laid over for several days until the House committees are named and the regular order of introduction of bills is taken up.

The resolution declared that the House should oppose the amendment because it would mean "an additional army of bureaucrats, acting as snooping agents and invading our homes".

It proposed instead that the National Congress should be petitioned to offer a substitute amendment that would give Congress the "unquestioned right" to forbid the entry of any product into interstate or foreign commerce that has been produced through or by the commercialization of child labor.

The resolution added that "the House, though opposed to the commercialization of childhood, believes that this should be prevented without undue infringement on the rights of the state or the individual rights of the people".

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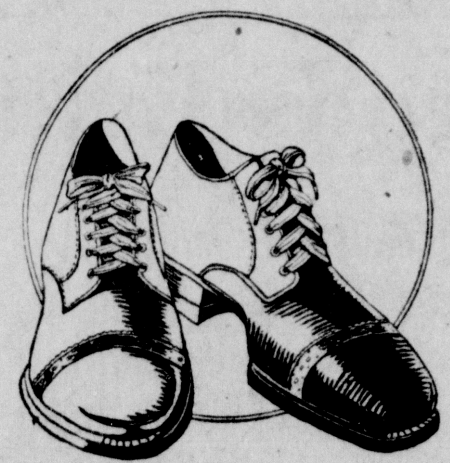
The tax collector never visits the Scilly Isles, off the southwest coast of England near Land's End.

Wild geese cast their feathers in summer, losing almost all the feathers from their wings simultaneously. During this season they are helpless and the natives of Northern Russia take advantage of their condition and net them by the thousands. These are buried in the mud of the swamps and left to rot. Later they are dug up and fed to the half-wild dogs and are even eaten by the indiscriminating native.

The Cornish of Great Britain are a race apart from others. They are formed of a union of the primitive tribes and the Brythonic race, which gave its name to Britain. They still speak of 'going to England', as if it were a foreign country.

The original of the glass known as a "tumbler" was a drinking vessel with a bottom so constructed that it would not stand upon a table. The "tumbler" was a product of the old days and was designed to make a man "take off his liquor" without setting his "tumbler" aside.

SHOE SALE



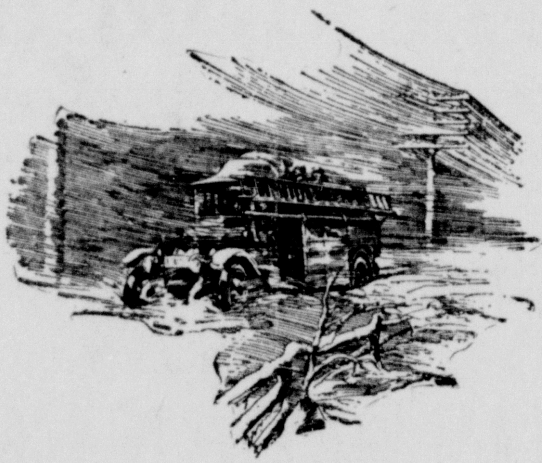
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MO. PACIFIC WILL MOVE SWITCH TRACK

J. E. Dover, Missouri Pacific agent in this city is in receipt of information from the Missouri Pacific Railroad officials that they will extend the present unloading switch that now serves the Sikeston Concrete Tile and Construction Co. further east 950 feet that will reach beyond Prairie and Moore Avenues. The railroad company owns the right-of-way along this extension, therefore they will not have to ask permission of the City Council to proceed with the work, though they have asked Mr. Dover to notify the city of the fact.

As soon as the new switch track is completed the present unloading track at south edge of the Railroad Park will be removed. This will greatly beautify this Park and please the citizens of Sikeston very much.

TWO DOLLAR WHEAT FINALLY A REALITY

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Above \$2 a bushel was paid in Chicago today for wheat, a goal long predicted. The exact tip-top price was \$2.00½, an extreme of 6½c overnight. Purchasing, however, on this basis was exceptional, being only for a small amount of No. 2 red winter wheat to be delivered at once to millers.

Simultaneously, in the general speculative market for future deliveries of wheat, the highest peace-time prices in many years were exceeded, although the greatest speculative gain for the day was restricted to 3¼c a bushel. Speculative transactions reached a large volume, and the chief trading month, May, mounted to \$1.88.

New high price records for the season were established at this stage by all future deliveries both of wheat and rye, as well as by September corn and oats. The major part of the day's gains, though, were wiped out by a sudden general rush to grab profits.

Leaders in the speculative buying of wheat today contended that foreigners and others had been unduly holding off, expecting lower prices.

Girls on the Farm

One of the most serious problems facing the world is that raised in the question, How can we keep the girls on the farm?

It is one of the hallmarks of civilization that so many girls are forced into the big cities to seek their fortune.

Probably no more daughters of the farm come to misfortune in the big cities than do the city girls or the girls from the small towns who work for a living.

It can be set down as a sound proposition that working girls as a class, are more apt to make a success of life than another large class of girls having more social advantages but seeking the bright lights.

It is a great social duty to make the home life on the farms more attractive to the girls. There should be rural recreation centers under proper supervision.

If the churches and fraternal orders could minister to the social needs of humanity, including the growing young people, we would hear less of farm girls crowding to the cities.

With good roads, cheaper motor cars, the rural mail and telephone, the phonograph, electricity and the radio, life is growing more attractive on the farms.

Individual initiative, energy and ambition, the driving force which has built this nation, is the great agency that is today remaking farm life in America and making it pleasant for both girls and boys to stay on the farm.

Dan Greer of Bertrand was a visitor in Sikeston Monday.

Mrs. Ralph Johnson and son returned Saturday from Fairfax, where they have been for the past two weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville McCarty entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner at their home on William Street, Tuesday. Covers were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bloomfield and children, Mrs. Raymond Bloomfield and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bloomfield and son, Dess Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harper and son Max, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnett and Miss Mabel Barnett, Mrs. Zada Bloomfield and daughter Camille Bloomfield, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard and Miss Hyacinth.

New Showing of Spring Dresses, Suits and Millinery



We call your attention to this, the finest showing of Spring Merchandise in the Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department now, because we believe that every woman is interested in getting the most style, the highest quality and the best

tailoring for the least money, and this showing affords you that opportunity.

New Spring Millinery



Just received, these hats bespeak the latest word in Millinery for early spring wear. They are priced very attractively, too.

Dress Goods Showing

A big showing of all the piece goods in this store. New patterns, colors, fabrics, all are included—a chance the home sewer has been awaiting.



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Judge Leedy of Benton was a visitor in Sikeston, Wednesday.

Hammond Baker of Memphis, Tenn., was in Sikeston Tuesday, transacting business.

The American Legion will give a dance Thursday night, January 22 at the Armory Hall. Music will be furnished by Don Smith's Coma Roof Garden Orchestra of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dr. J. H. Yount has had his office repainted, new rugs and linoleum laid, new office fixtures, surgical instruments, etc., and is equipped to give attention to any calls made up on him. He practiced medicine in Sikeston several years ago and was a successful practitioner. He recently spent several weeks in New York, where he attended a clinic in order to assist him in his profession.

A few days ago a 13-year-old girl of the third grade, ran away from home, leaving a note to her father, stating that she was not going to school any more, but was leaving for Chicago with a man, where they were to be married. Instead of going to Chicago, the girl went to the home of a sister at Matthews and from there wrote a letter to a 22-year-old man of Sikeston, telling him to come to Matthews and marry her. The letter fell into the hands of the young man's mother, who turned it over to the girl's father. The girl was brought home Thursday morning. This story should be told to every family who has a girl that thinks too much of the boys, that the parents may look after the youthful misses a little closer. A young man who encourages children along this line, is dangerous in any community.

Your Income Tax

The exemptions under the revenue act of 1924 are \$1000 for single persons and 2500 for married persons living together and heads of families. In addition a \$400 credit is allowed for each person dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective.

The normal tax rate under the revenue act of 1924 is 2 per cent on the first \$400 of net income in excess of the personal exemptions, credit for dependents, etc., 4 per cent on the next \$4000, and 6 per cent on the balance. Under the preceding act the normal tax rate was 4 per cent on the first \$4000 of net income above the exemptions and credits, and 8 per cent on the remaining net income.

The revenue act of 1924 contains a special provision for reduced taxes which did not appear in previous laws. All net income up to \$5000 is considered "earned income". On this amount the taxpayer is entitled to a credit of 25 per cent of the amount of the tax.

For example, a taxpayer single and without dependents may have received in 1924 a salary of \$2000 and from a real estate transaction a profit of \$3000. His total net income was \$5000. Without the benefit of the 25 per cent reduction his tax would be \$80. His actual tax is \$60. From his net income of \$5000 he is allowed a personal exemption of \$1000; the tax of 2 per cent on the first \$4000 is \$80, one-fourth of which, or \$20, may be deducted.

For the purpose of computing this credit, in no case the earned net income considered be in excess of \$10,000. A taxpayer may have received for the year 1924 a net income from salary of \$20,000, but the 25 per cent credit be applied to only one-half of this amount.

Capt. O. W. Hanson, Jr., if Charleston was a visitor in Sikeston Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Ble left Tuesday for Memphis, Tenn. for a visit with her daughter Miss Marguerite, who is studying to be a nurse in the Memphis General Hospital.

The McGee & Co. Store Co. of Keokuk are having a clearance sale of seable goods at their store beginning Jan. 17, and lasting for 10 days. Standard printed bills for the

C. H. Butler Advance has been placed in charge of the Singer Sewing Machine Agency A. E. Shankle, who is now at the LaRue Music Co. Mr. Butler married and has twin boys 17 months.

Miss Gladys Brum of the Bell Telephone Co. Wednesday morning for Little Rock, Ark., to attend the annual ring of the telephone operators. She is chairman of the South Missouri Operators Association.

The editor The Standard has purchased a large piece of real estate just east of Sikeston. It is 10x20 feet acres east and west. We hope it be a long time before any parthies lot will be used. The plot is the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Emory Matthews spent Wednesday in Charleston with relatives.

Cleaning, pressing and repairing, done on short notice.—B. L. Isaacs.

Mrs. Marvin McMullin attended a Bridge party at Charleston Thursday afternoon, given by Mrs. C. G. Stoner.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield entertained the Menalunk Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at her home on North Kingshighway.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch Moll and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Moll motored to Jackson Sunday for a visit with relatives.

The Music Club will meet with Miss Helen Hess Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Members are requested to be present.

Mrs. C. C. White, C. H. Denman, Kate Greer and J. L. Tanner attended the Tea given by the Woman's Club in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kevil entertained with a dinner party Tuesday evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Klein and Miss Camille Klein.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Randol entertained with a dinner party Sunday in honor of their daughter Mary Cornelia's 13th birthday. Covers were laid for Frances Green, Janice Bone and Marguerite Whidden.

E. V. Howell has sold his interest in the Sikeston Oil Co. to B. L. Pinnel of New Madrid, who is now in charge. The Kindred Bros. retain their interest. Mr. Howell expects to enter some other line of business at an early day.

G. T. Meyers left Wednesday for a business trip to Little Rock, Ark.

Miss Burnice Tanner will entertain the Bridge Club Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Belle Sams returned Saturday from an extended visit in Kentucky.

Sergeant Denny of Caruthersville was in Sikeston Tuesday visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis of Bertrand spent Sunday with John Fox and family.

Come early and get the best selection of men's suitings at sacrifice price.—B. L. Isaacs.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Proffer of Dexter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Proffer.

Darby Reese returned to his home in Houston, Texas, Sunday, after a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hart and Miss Velma Baker of Malden spent last week-end in Sikeston with friends.

Am closing out my line of piece goods for men at a sacrifice to make room for spring goods.—B. L. Isaacs.

The W. B. A. will hold installation of officers the second Monday in February. Mrs. Bertie Fox will be the installing officer.

The editor of a nearby paper once received a very fine chicken, which he, supposing to be a token of appreciation from a discriminating reader, took home and enjoyed for dinner. The following day he received this letter: "Dear Editor: Yesterday I sent you a chicken in order to settle a dispute which had arisen here. Can you tell what the chicken died of?"—Graig (Iowa) Independent.

LABOR CONDITIONS GETTING SERIOUS

At this time at least eight representatives of labor agencies in Mississippi and other Southern States, are in this section proselizing among our colored cotton help in an endeavor to get them to return to Southern cotton fields. One of these agents has already shipped out 18 families and others are to follow. This condition of affairs is alarming our farmers on the cotton land who fear a shortage of cotton labor the coming season. It is believed this condition of affairs is caused by the announcement that there would not be much cotton grown in this section the coming season. The only land that will not be planted to cotton this year will be the heavy bottom land that is too strong for cotton.

There will be a special session of the City Council held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock to pass an ordinance forbidding these labor agents from soliciting this help to send out of the territory.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Distribution Made By Association

The members of the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association who had cotton unclassified on which drafts were drawn for prior to December 1, 1924, were mailed checks from the Little Rock office January 10. This represents the advance up to the distribution basis on December 1. His advancement was not sent to all members, but the management has attempted to send this distribution to the members delivering one and two bales, who did not receive anything at the time of the regular distribution.

The Association has not made any payments to members since receiving the cotton, except on a per pound and quality basis.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School—9:30.
Junior Sermon—10:40. "Contrary Winds".
Preaching—11:00. Subject: "Because He Came II."
Leagues—6:30.
Organ recital—7:30. "Early Church Heroes II".

We invite you to these services. We especially invite you to worship with us at the evening services. Mrs. Welsh our organist, gives a 20-minute organ recital every Sunday evening. This is a short sermon. You will enjoy it.

THOS. B. MATHER, Pastor

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:30—Sunday school.
11:00—Morning worship. Good singing by congregation. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and social worship.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor.

Let us go to the House of the Lord for His honor and worship.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At Odd Fellows Hall.
Sunday school—10:00 A. M.
Sermon—11:00 A. M. Subject: "Reminiscences of Montreat"

J. M. FONTAINE, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Class—9:45 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—6:00 p. m.
You are invited.

Leo Becker left Monday for a few days business trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. Loomis Mayfield entertained with three tables of Bridge Wednesday night.

Richard Cheatum, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., spent last week-end with J. H. Galeener and family.

Mrs. J. H. Yount, who has been quite ill for the past several days is getting along very nicely at this writing.

John Young has the contract to remodel and repair the front and entrance of the Malone Theatre. Just as soon as the weather is settled the work will commence.

Invitations are out for a reception to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sikes Saturday evening, January 17th from 6:30 to 10:00 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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During the past thirty days The Standard has added more than one hundred new names to its subscription list, to whom we feel grateful. We have concluded to extend the time until February 1, 1925, at 75c per year to all new subscribers and to those who pay up arrears on subscriptions. We would like to add another hundred new names to our list and to encourage those in arrears to pay up.

Sometimes it takes a mighty small paragraph to kick up a right big disturbance. Tuesday a traveling official of the Bell Telephone Co., called at The Standard office to inquire into any inattention of local employees, discourteous remarks, etc. Our complaint was slowness to respond to calls, and had no thought of getting anyone into trouble. However, we have heard a number of complaints of discourtesy, slowness to respond, etc., that we reported to Mr. Jordan and Mr. Randolph on their request, but there is no way at this time to trace who was guilty. These gentlemen request if there is further cause for complaint to immediately call the chief operator, Miss Bertha Welter or the manager himself, then they can reprimand the one who is responsible without casting reflections on the entire force. Most of us are not blessed with patience we ought to have, and a good many times are peeved at somebody else that makes us take it out on the telephone operator. We are sorry that we have not had more patience for these girls are not overpaid and have a trying position to fill.

We are unable to see where legislation can help the farmer unless it

is to equalize taxes, or find an outside market for their surplus. To our way of thinking, the Government could help the farmer very much by studying soil conditions and advising him the crops that would produce the most on his different fields. The farmer generally goes at his task in a hit and miss manner without thought as to business conditions of the country and the markets to be supplied. Already many counties have farm advisers that could be of great help toward solving the agricultural problem if they would advise better business methods and the best crops to grow on the different soils. It is true many landlords tell the tenant what he must grow and what he must not grow without thought of the future. Legislation cannot cure the ills that the farmer has to combat but it can help find the markets and furnish expert advice and teach business common sense.

In writing the article about the Electric Laundry changing hands in the last Friday's paper, we failed to make mention of John Inman, one of the owners, who acted as business manager for the past several years. Mr. Inman will continue working for the new firm.

Since Gov. Baker was once a student of the State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, the present faculty of the school decided that it would be fitting to let the man, who is the first student of the institution to become Governor, know that his success is worthy of their best wishes. The professors therefore collected \$25 and sent the new officer a handsome bouquet for inauguration presentation.

A 15-passenger bus, the largest in operation in Southeast Missouri, will be placed in service between Poplar Bluff and Skeston on Friday, Tom Burton, owner of the bus line, announced. The bus will make regular connections with other lines operating to Birds Point, Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville and into Arkansas.

A small scratch on his back, received about two weeks ago, caused the death of John A. Roe, 53 years old, near Boseley. Roe was a farmer of this county. He was brought to a local hospital suffering from blood poison last week. He is said to have received the injury from a barb on a wire fence, over which he was climbing.

RELATIVES

My feet were tired from standing up in the crowded train, and maybe that affected my eyesight. Anyhow, the folks in that car seemed to me woefully unattractive.

There were men with unshaven faces, and women with disheveled hair, and babies who put their dirty fingers in their dirty little mouths. Some sprawled and slept; some snored.

Our journey ended, and we were emptied into the depot.

There, behind a rope, awaiting our arrival, were more folks, as unattractive as ourselves.

But as we came pouring thru the gates, behold a miracle! The homely horde rushed upon us. Cross-eyed men clasped unkempt women to their breasts. Withered old women planted kisses upon the cheeks of homely young women, exclaiming that they were "beautiful" and calling them "my dear", and weeping tears of happiness at their arrival.

And suddenly I was ashamed of myself; and I said to my wife: 'What a magnificent thought it was, on the part of God, to give every human being somebody who thinks that he or she is wonderful!'

Samuel Butler, who was very cynical, thought it a great mistake that the generations should overlap. He would have all of one generation pass away before any of the next were born—as with butterflies, for instance.

The butterfly spins a cocoon, puts into it enough food to carry the young one to maturity, then lies down and dies. So it would be fine, said Butler, if each one of could be born wrapped in twenty thousand dollars, which would feed and clothe us to maturity—but with no parents, aunts, uncles or wise old friends to be a nuisance to us.

Napoleon is supposed to have had more energy and will-power than any other modern man, but even he could not solve the relative problem. It is amusing to read his angry letters to his brothers, and see what trouble he had in trying to teach them to be kings. They persisted in making a mess of things, and caused him more worry than all his armies.

So relatives are not an unmixing blessing; yet what a sad world without them! Every once in a while I go over to the Grand Central Station and see that welcoming scene repeated, and always it gives me a little thrill.

A hundred nondescript folks, from a hundred commonplace homes, waiting to welcome a hundred others. Yet by a certain divine astigmatism, each one of the hundred is supremely beautiful in the eyes of some one!

So long as he or she lives, there will be another who cares. Surely this is one of the splendors of life! And one of the great lines of literature is: "He setteth the solitary in families."—Bruce Barton.

When a Tax Is a Public Evil

Obviously the doubling of the postal rate on the bulk of the country circulation of newspapers would be a serious blow to general newspaper reading. The question is of sufficient public importance to justify the newspaper publishers in asking Congress for a more careful investigation than has been made to see whether such an increase is justified. Obviously in figuring the cost of postal service on different classes of mail, there are many opportunities to make unfair discrimination. Thus, while the parcel post comprises more than 60 per cent of the volume of mail matter, and produces only 20 per cent of the total revenue, it is charged with only \$6,000,000 of the deficit. The rural free delivery is found to cost \$87,000,000, and nearly half the cost is assessed against the newspapers. The newspapers are asking how much off the cost of the postoffice overhead and other costs is legitimately charged is against them. It is a reasonable request that they have the opportunity to present their side, which is really the side of the public. People subscribe to the papers because they get from them necessary current information, entertainment and instruction. Their reading ought not to be cut off on the basis of a postoffice report which has not been subjected to thorough investigation.—K. C. Star.

Sale commenced January 14 on tailor made suits and lasts to January 22. Everything at a sacrifice.—B. L. Isaacs.

The production of diamonds in South Africa in 1923 was 2,050,095 metric karats, which was the largest since 1920 and comparable to that of any year since the immediate pre-war period, 1911 to 1913, when the yearly output surpassed 5,000,000 karats. The value in 1923 was estimated at \$31,049,000. Outstanding features were the increase of alluvial compared with mine production and the development of more serious competition from foreign fields, especially those in the Belgian and Portuguese Congo.

Summary of Recommendations Made By Governor Baker

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 12.—Gov. Baker, in his inaugural message today, recommended home rule in police affairs for St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, the reduction of state expense, the abolition of useless boards and bureaus, the consolidation of departments of related activities, the extension of liberal support to the state's charitable and educational institutions, and the strengthening of the state banking laws for the better protection of depositors.

Briefly summarized his recommendations are:

Less legislation and the creation of new departments or bureaus.

Reduction of administrative costs through the abolition of useless boards and bureaus and the consolidation of useful departments of related activities.

Creation of a budget system.

Limitation upon appropriations to obtain federal aid.

Home rule for the large cities in police affairs.

Change in the banking laws to further restrict the size of loans and to also limit the size of deposits.

Workman's compensation.

Co-operation with the Federal Government in agricultural relief legislation.

Continuance of the present road program under the present laws.

Consolidation of small school districts to increase efficiency and to reduce overhead costs.

Insuring negro children in rural Missouri a chance for education by requiring the maintenance of a school even though there be fewer than 15 children or providing for a traveling teacher to give instructions. Establishment of the principle of a retirement fund for teachers through a constitutional provision.

Consideration of such changes in the law as will make for speedier and more certain justice.

Baker's inaugural message is one of the briefest delivered before the General Assembly in many years. It required about twenty minutes for him to read it.

ROADS TO FLORIDA

The recent heavy rains have caused considerable inconvenience to travel on the Florida Midway Highway. The ice flow a Cyro was so great that the boats could not make a landing, which was unusual. The dirt stretch in Missouri was very slick, but passable. A bad place developed near Toulon in the Mississippi delta, where he gravel went down into the new dirt. A new fill near Leakeville caused several cars to get stuck until suitable detour was provided. In great many places on the gravel road in Mississippi, the travel cut down to the clay and made hard going.

All the roads, however, have wonderful recuperative possibilities. As soon as enough war was off the road for machines to drag to go over them, they were excellent again. The citizens of Leakeville provided a team to pull out any car which were stuck in their territory.

It is advisable to inform all tourists that they will find going disagreeable during an immediately following protracted rains. Time will be saved by waiting up a day after the rains have stopped when they will encounter no difficulties.

Plans are being made for a motorcade to go into Florida the latter part of this month and personally place tens of thousands of the folders of the highway in the hands of the tourists with midwest use tags so that they may be rolled over the FMH on their return trip. Will you join us?

Before the spring tel starts north we want to put a great many more markers so there will be no possibility of confusion on the road.

The organization has an instrumental in getting a great many cars during the fall to travel route before any literature was. Since we now have literature we do wonders in the way of getting travel if everyone will teamwork.

With every week the way is making new friends and organization is getting stronger and stronger. Your co-operation helping. Thanks.—Florida Midway Highway Association.

Mrs. Stella F. Meyer the first woman law enforcement officer at Cape Girardeau. She was the office of Deputy Constable of the County Court last week and will serve as a Deputy to husband, Constable Fred Meyer.

In order to comply with State requirements, Supt. Beswof Poplar Bluff schools has issued order that only half the children some of the eight schools then given recess periods at the same. The school playgrounds are inate to care for the large attend. Beswick said, and for that in only half the children are perm on the grounds at the same time.

COOLIDGE INSISTS PRESENT CONGRESS GIVE FARM RELIEF

Washington, Jan. 13.—Farm legislation should and can be enacted by Congress before its adjournment, March 4, in the opinion of President Coolidge.

The legislation to be recommended by the Agricultural Commission is expected by the President to be worthy of such support that the suggested program can be put through in time to eliminate any necessity for an extra session to consider such measures.

President Coolidge will discuss recommendations tomorrow at a White House breakfast, which will be attended by the members of the Agricultural Commission, and Chairman Carey said today the commission's report might be given to the President at that time.

Senator Borah (Rep.), Idaho, urged in the Senate yesterday that there be an early extra session of the new Congress to enact farm relief legislation.

MONKEYS TO DINE WITH ZOO BOARD

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—"Sam" the large, red-headed orang-utan of the zoo, in evening dress, top hat and cane, will mount guard at the center door of the new Primate House in Forest Park this evening to receive the invited guests at the formal dedication banquet.

With due formality he will greet George E. Dieckman, president of the Zoological Society; Mayor Kiel and W. Frank Carter, former president of St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, who will be the principal speakers at the dedication banquet tonight at 6:30 p. m., in the central court of the Primate House, with the numerous species of anthropoids as spectators.

But all of them will not be caged, for "Sally", "Mike", "Murphy" and "Duffy", the chimpanzees, will don clothes and join the banqueters. "Sam" and his chimpanzee friends have been training for weeks for the big event, and their table manners have been reported "excellent". Each one eats with perfect ease with a knife and fork and can handle the teacups with human deftness.

The only female among the anthropoid banqueters, "Sally", will wear knickers.

The Primate House which, according to members of the Zoological Society, is the finest of its kind in the United States, will be formally opened to the public Wednesday night, at which time a public dance will constitute the festivities.

The banquet this evening is being given by the Zoological Board to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, the Mayor and friends of the society. Only invited guests will attend.

FATALLY BURNED, GIRL LIVES SEVENTEEN DAYS

After battling with death for more than two weeks after doctors had given up all hope for her recovery, Omegene Garrett, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Fred Jackson, residing south of Kennett near Coker's Landing, who was fatally burned on Christmas Eve Day, died Saturday evening and was buried Sunday morning in Marsh Cemetery, south of Kennett.

The young girl, who was to have been married on Christmas Day, was burned when her dress caught fire from a heating stove in which she had just built a fire and was standing near. On seeing her dress in flames she ran from the home, starting to a neighbor's when she was stopped by two boys when she had run about a hundred yards, and her clothes torn off, but not until after her body had been burned and charred in places. More than one-half of the total surface of her body was burned.

It was said at the time that she had but a few hours in which to live, but the girl, fighting desperately against death, lingered on, enduring intense pain for more than seventeen days, not losing consciousness until the day before her death.—Kennett Democrat.

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After January 1, 1925, the maximum authorized draught of vessels transiting the Suez Canal, will be changed from 31 feet to 32 feet, so that ships with a draft of 32 feet will be allowed to pass through, whereas now only ships with a draught of not more than 31 feet are permitted to transit the canal.

When a case concerning the proper fit of an evening gown came before a London Court, Judge Sturges, K. C., said he could not deal with so knotty

a problem himself and asked a woman in court to help him. The woman sat by the judge on the bench. At the end of the case Judge Sturges said that he and his "assessor" had both arrived at the conclusion that the gown did not fit, and so he gave judgment against the maker.

It is said that Boston passed an ordinance which forbade bathing unless by the order of a physician, and that this law was actually in the code from 1845 to 1862.

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Come in and tell us what
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Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking friends and neighbors for sympathy and aid in the sickness and death of Mrs. Maggie Simpson, which occurred January 7, 1925.—The Family.

Joplin—Freeman Memorial hospital nearing completion.
J. P. Sledge of Champaign, Ill., visited with his aunt, Miss Daisy Garden, Wednesday of this week.
FOR RENT—200 acres. Good improvements. Inquire Seed Store.

Week Jan. 19

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PETER PAN LETTERS TO
MANAGER McCUTCHEN

Manager McCutchen, of the Malone Theatre, treated the grade rooms of the public school to a free pass to the "Peter Pan Matinee", and asked them in return to write him a letter telling what they thought of the play. The following is a partial list:

I am glad that you invited us to your show. I enjoyed it well. It was the best show I ever went to. The best I thought, was Peter Pan fight game and when Peter Pan got the clock.—Julian Reed.

How very nice of you to invite us to the show. I guess it was an expense to you. My whole room liked it fine and I hope we were good. I liked the picture of Peter Pan better than I did the "Covered Wagon".—Lois Darby.

I appreciate your invitation to the show. I thought it was the best I ever saw. The rest of the kids in the room said they enjoyed it too.—S. E. Reed.

I want to write a few lines to tell you I appreciate your kindness for letting the school children in free. I sure liked the show. And I also thank you for giving prizes for the best drawings.—Guy Suvers.

I give you my hearty thanks for the wonderful picture you let the school children see, and I know all of them liked it very much. I am telling you just how much I enjoyed it, as I am sure the rest of the school children did. I liked the picture very much indeed and I want to give you my thanks for the picture "Peter Pan". There has been many wonderful pictures you have had and I liked them, but none such good children pictures as "Peter Pan".—Paul David Malone.

I appreciate your invitation to the show and hope I can invite you to something of ours also. The show was mighty fine, but your invitation was greater still.—Elmer Hill.

I enjoyed the picture "Peter Pan" so much. I hope that some day I can do something like that for you that you will appreciate.—Mayne Jeanne Wilbur.

I certainly did appreciate the show that you gave Tuesday, which was "Peter Pan". Everybody that I asked about it said it was fine, so I thought I would let you know that we all liked it and enjoyed it.—Lee Hahn.

I certainly appreciated the "Peter Pan" show and I liked the comedy show and I liked it all.—Gladys Johnson.

I liked the picture of "Peter Pan" and enjoyed the picture as well as I liked it and appreciated the kindness for letting us in.—Lena Stone.

I enjoyed "Peter Pan" very much, especially where they were flying over the house tops and them after "Captain Hook." I am glad to thank you for your kindness.—Billy Malone.

It is very nice of you to invite the school. It was the only picture I liked. Are you going to give a bank account to the one who draws the best "Peter Pan"? If you are, tell me and I will work for it.—Sam Bowman, Jr.

In behalf of Miss Shy's room, grades 4 and 5 B, I wish to thank you for inviting us to see "Peter Pan", free. We surely did enjoy it. We think it is one of the best pictures we have ever seen. I liked it even better than I did "The Covered Wagon". Thank you again for your kindness.—Wootton Inez Hollingsworth.

I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am sorry that I did not get to go to your show. My little brother and sister were sick.—Elizabeth.

It was very nice of you to invite us to the show. "Peter Pan" was the best of all. I liked where he flew around the room and where he lost his shadow. It sure was nice.—Hughlyn Hawkins.

I surely did like "Peter Pan". It is the best show I have seen yet and I surely thank you for your invitation.—Guy T. Myers.

I appreciated the show very much. I like "Peter Pan" the best of all. I think the last was the best. I was very glad to go to your show. It is the best I have gone to yet.—Pearl Fulkerson.

I want to thank you for the invitation to "Peter Pan". I thought it was very good.—Frederick Howden.

I surely did enjoy the picture of "Peter Pan" that was showed yesterday. I liked the sword fight.—Norval Beck.

I surely did like the show. It was fine. The picture of "Peter Pan" was best, I thought.—Bryant Briggs.

It is very nice of you to invite all of the school boys and girls to the show. I thought Peter Pan was the best of all. Mr. McCutchen, mother is inviting you to my party, February 14.—Lillian Patterson.

I think the show was just fine. But I think it was kind of you to invite us to see the show. And the best part of Peter Pan, is where Wendy's little

brother was fighting and stepped on him. But all of it was good.—Doyle Darby.

Manager McCutchen offered \$2 cash for the three best drawings of Peter Pan, made by grade children, which were won by Paul David Malone, Hazel Lamsden and Suvers. These young folks are expected to meet Mr. McCutchen at the theatre Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, when he will go with them to open an account with the \$2 at the banks.

Mr. McCutchen wishes to thank the teachers and parents for helping him entertain the children with the Peter Pan matinee, as it was a pleasure to give this treat to the children.

AT MALONE THEATRE
MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Mother love, the strongest power in the universe!

The love of a mother, her sacrifices and her heartaches, forms the background for the new James Cruze Paramount production, "The City That Never Sleeps", which comes to the Malone Theatre on Monday and Tuesday.

It is the type of a picture which Cruze knows best how to do. It gets down under the emotion-proof armor which mortals wear, and probes deep into human hearts. It is a story of mother-love that bright lights could not kill, and which flamed at its highest in the din of a modern jazz cafe.

It is the story of "Mother O'Day", a character created by Leroy Scott in his story by that name. Louise Dresser plays the part, and other featured players include such sterling artists as Kathryn Williams, Richard Cortez and Virginia Lee Corbin.

The story begins in a saloon in the Bowery in 1910. Tim O'Day, big-hearted young saloonkeeper, is slain in defense of a girl. He leaves his young wife and their baby daughter. The saloon is thriving, but Mother O'Day feels that a Bowery saloon is to place to rear a child.

Through secret negotiations with an attorney, she manages to have the child adopted by an impoverished Fifth Avenue society woman who has social pretence, and for fourteen years she deliberately conceals her relationship with the girl, who grows to glorious young womanhood and a leading place in the fast young set of New York society.

Prohibition has closed the saloons, and Mother O'Day has converted the place into a modern jazz cafe. Her income, year by year, goes through the lawyer's hands and into the purse of the society woman who has adopted the girl as her niece.

Among those who frequented the cafe was Mark Roth (Ricardo Cortez), an affable stranger. Mother O'Day believed him to be a fortune hunter. His air of breeding had won him entry to the society in which the girl (Virginia Lee Corbin) moved. They became engaged.

On night Roth takes the girl, known as Molly Kendall, to the cafe. Mother O'Day, who has kept in touch with her daughter through newspaper counts and occasional glimpses as the girl rode through the park, recognizes her, but is shocked to observe that she is half-intoxicated, smoking cigars and behaving very unladylike.

Intiated, Mother O'Day orders her daughter and her escort from the cafe. A tense scene ensues. The girl, having no suspicion that Mother O'Day is, in fact, her own mother, trusts her and mocks her. When they reach home, the girl induces her foster-mother to use her influence to have the cafe closed, and this the society woman (Miss Williams) proceeds to do, not knowing that the cafe the source of her secret revenue.

At that moment the situation tightens. Director Cruze utilizes his wide knowledge of human nature to build a tremendous plot which leads to an entirely unsuspected climax.

F. Keith was a business visitor in town Wednesday of this week.

H. Welch returned Thursday morning from a business trip to St. Louis.

Miss Farris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Farris, is very ill with influenza.

Siff Dye and family and C. C. Reaf Benton were Sikeston visitors Wednesday.

FGALE—Ford truck body for Fordster. Will sell cheap if taken. —Bill Shain. 11p.

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Cherries, red pitted, No. 2 cans	23c
Peas, Fancy No. 3 Sieve, 2 cans for	25c
Milk, Pet or Armour's, large cans	10c
Post Toasties, large pkgs., 2 for	35c
Baking Powder, K. C. 25-oz. cans	21c
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Mrs. C. B. Richards entertained Wednesday Bridge Club at her home on Main Street.

Mrs. A. F. Moore, H. E. Hunter, accompanied by Miss Margaret Dawson and Howard Hampton, motored to Cape Girardeau Monday and visited Mrs. D. J. Kellere and family.

Allen Harris of St. Louis arrived Monday on a visit to his mother, Mrs. R. D. Harris of this city.

H. E. Morrison of Skeston was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howard were business visitors in Portageville last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pinnell and the latter's sister, Miss Columbe Dawson, spent Tuesday in Cairo.

G. F. Deane of Matthews was looking after business matters in New Madrid Tuesday.

Lee Hunter of St. Louis spent last Thursday in New Madrid looking after his farming interest in Southeast Missouri.

The Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will hold their regular bi-monthly meeting with Mrs. Lizzie Park on North Main.

Deputy Sheriff George De Lisle left Tuesday night for Farmington with Rodney W. Ewell, who was adjudged insane by the New Madrid County Court.

Mrs. George La Plant and daughter Mrs. Ralph Hudson of East Prairie spent Saturday in New Madrid.

Attorney Robert A. Cox of Malden was a business visitor in New Madrid Tuesday.

The Eastern Stars held a public installation and banquet at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening.

Geo. M. Meier of Parma was a business visitor in New Madrid Tuesday.

Mrs. Josephine Hart of this city, accompanied R. M. Hart and family of Holcombe to Hot Springs, Ark., for a stay, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collier of Glen spent Saturday in New Madrid. Mrs. W. T. Royer and daughter, Miss Hilma, who spent the holidays with the former's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rassmussen of Chicago, returned home last Friday.

C. M. Smith, Jr., of Skeston was a business visitor in New Madrid, Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Jeffers and daughter of Caruthersville arrived last Friday on a visit to Mrs. Etta Faust and family.

J. E. Smith, Sr., C. M. Smith, Sr., and the latter's son Alfred Smith, accompanied by Atty. M. E. Montgomery, of Skeston were business visitors in New Madrid, Thursday.

Mrs. Augusta Pinnell left last week for Eau Gallie, Fla., where she will spend the winter months.

Mrs. Mary C. Hamilton accompanied her granddaughter, Doris Hamilton, to the latter's home in Travlers, Fla., Sunday.

Mrs. S. R. Hunter, Jr., and daughter, Miss Margaret Mary and Misses Margaret Carrigan and Frances Richards motored to Skeston last Friday.

There will be a dance at Hunter's Hall Monday evening, January 19. Music to be furnished by the Egyptian Serenaders of Cairo.

Mrs. June C. St. Mary returned from Cairo, Monday, where she spent several weeks at St. Mary's Infirmary, having met with a serious accident about December 15. Will Newsum, who was also injured at the same time, will not be able to leave the hospital for some time.

The Junior Wednesday Bridge Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Howard Riley, with Mrs. Richard Phillips as hostess, and reorganized their Club. The next meeting to be with Miss Eddy Lou next Saturday afternoon.

Jas. W. Midgett of the Kewanee neighborhood, was a business visitor in New Madrid, Tuesday.

Jerry Cleek and Miss Queen Green, both of New Madrid, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage last Saturday, by the pastor, Rev. D. O. Yeager.

Rev. and Mrs. D. O. Yeager, accompanied by Mrs. A. M. Shaw, Jr., motored to Skeston Tuesday and attended a meeting of the District Conference.

Harold Hebbeler—Post Commander.

Rufus Reed, Vice Commander.

Paul Slinkard, Finance Officer.

Harry E. Dudley, Adjutant.

Tanner C. Dye, Historian.

Brown Jewell, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Armory will be the regular meeting place of this Post hereafter. Talks were made on how to interest the members in attending the coming meeting and a Ladies' Auxillary in the near future is a probability.

Wigs are flat, round buns, eaten on St. Catherine's Day in those districts of Buckinghamshire where wood turnery is carried on. The wig represents the wheel on which St. Catherine was martyred.

A woman, accompanied by a coffin, left the London docks recently for the United States. She has been a widow for 20 years and her loyalty to her husband's memory is such that she cannot bear the thought that they might be buried in separate graves.

She therefore, never books a passage without the proviso that she shall not be buried at sea.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

Jas. W. Hendrix, and wife to Ernest Underwood: Lots 10 to 17, blk. E Fairview addition Portageville. \$560.

Taylor Welshan and wife to Claude and Marian Hubbard: Lots 1, 10, 11, 12, blk. 4. A. Lewis 2nd Addition to Lilbourn. \$1260.

E. J. Keith and wife to W. M. Long and wife: All that part of sec. 36-24-13 E. lying west of center of Ash Slough ditch. 254.91 acres. \$8,236.50.

Mayme I. Lance and husband to John Ashley: Lot 6 blk. 1 Matthews 3rd addition to Matthews. \$1.00.

Cora Fairchild and husband to J. S. Neely: 36 acres off the south end of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 sec. 3-20-10. \$1500.

Ernest E. Underwood and wife to Bryan Swilley: Lots 10-17 blk. E Fairview addition to Portageville. \$900.

Robt. T. Lindley and wife to Chas. W. Wilson: NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 sec. 17-23-16. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

J. B. Morris and wife to Grover and Martha Bagby: South half of lot 1 of the NW 1/4 sec. 19, 40 acres, S 1/2 of lot 2 of the NW 1/4 sec. 19, 43.92 acres. \$8392.

A. C. Sikes and wife to Lester C. Rodes: Tract 4 or NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 sec. 33 in the W 1/2 sec. 33-23-11. 40 acres. \$3200.

R. T. Johnson and wife to Lester C. Rodes: Tract 2 or SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 sec. 33 in the W 1/2 sec. 33-23-11. \$4,000.

Samuel D. Elain and wife to Roy F. Iain: S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 sec. 29-21-11. \$4000.

Edwin M. Sorbitt to L. M. Rose: Lot 4, blk. 10, Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co. 2nd add. to Risco. \$50.

Marriage License

Raymond Weston, Murphysboro, Ill. and Miss Margaret Gill, Lilbourn.

Carl Holyfield and Votra Baker, of Skeston.

Otto Martin and Jessie Stella Shaver, both of Lilbourn.

Jake Williams and Edna Grubb, Parma.

Scott Humphreys, Royalton, Ill., and Estelle Neumann, Marston.

Gertrude Atherton, author, is a great-grandniece of Benjamin Franklin.

Mrs. Robert Crowe of Caruthersville, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Phillips of Malden and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grant were guests of Mrs. Reeve Smith, Thursday.

The saying, "Let loose the dogs of war," once had a meaning. In the Middle Ages dogs were sent out toward the cavalry of the enemy with kettles of burning resin on their backs, the odor, smoke and flame of which naturally excited the horses. A stout jacket of leather underneath the kettle protected the dogs in case the hot resin was spilled.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

W. H. Deane and Howard Steele motored to Catron Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford entertained Sunday with a 12 o'clock dinner complimentary to the former's birthday. Covers were laid for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyer and little daughter, of Skeston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews of Skeston, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gossitt and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Ridge.

Hubert Riley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Riley have moved from Arkansas near Matthews, where they will make a cotton crop. Some more cotton growers from the South. We surely hope the cotton will do better this year than last, owing to the fact that so many are going to depend on cotton this season.

L. Deane had business in Skeston, Monday.

DOG HILL PARAGRAPHS

A peckerwood may have a hard head but he never gets too busy to stop and listen.

Dock Hocks says lots of us will keep on fooling around trouble and then appear much surprised when we get our foot in it.

Tobe Mossy says from the number of people who each day ask him what the weather is going to do, they must think he has bought a controlling interest in it.

Fletcher Henstep who got contrary and voted against good roads at the last election, was hollered at today by several passersby who observed him and his team stuck tight and fast in a mud hole.

Luke Mathewsia says he wishes somebody would please tell him who that fellow is who has been standing for so long in the front par of the almanac and why in the world the doctors did not sew him backup when they performed the operation.

There was a thrilling and unexpected climax to the melo-drama being played at the Tickville Opera House Saturday night. It seems that in act IV the villain after chorming the old man and his help's wife, was crouching at the moneysafe in which reposed the deed to the property, and just at this crucial moment he was frightened away by the explosion of a big fire cracker someone in the audience tossed into the heating stove.

Hunting for mammoth ivory in the northern-most parts of Siberia is a regular business and in the past century the yield has been estimated at from twenty to thirty tons.

From the good you will learn good if you mix with the bad you will lose what sense you have. When you undertake great affairs, confide in but few.—Maxims of Theognis, the Greek poet of the sixth century B. C.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

John Paul Bratton fell at school broke his arm again. He had just had it out of the sling four days from a previous break.

Miss Fannie Smith of Arkansas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Joe Hight for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff entertained a few friends on Monday evening. Those present were Mesdames W. R. Griffin, Josephine Hart, Hazel Wallace, D. L. Fisher, Misses Madge Davis, Hattie Harp, Mary Lamb and Ed Griffin, E. F. Walden and D. L. Fisher.

Miss Myrtle Shattan of Indiana, a renowned evangelist, thirteen years of age, is preaching at the Nazarene Church Thursday and Friday of this week. Rev. Shattan preached her first sermon when five years of age. She has preached through the central west including other points in Southeast Missouri with marked success, holding her audiences with keen attention.

The last session of the night school at Lander's Ridge, was not well attended due to bad weather. A good program is promised Monday night.

Miss E. Hart and members of the high school are busy at work on an annual. Pictures of every member of the high school have been taken and appropriate pictures of teams and special units. The cost of the undertaking, which will be about \$700.00, will be met by subscriptions, advertising, a high school play and other social functions.

The Fox Bakery and Variety Store Co. is remodeling and enlarging its store rooms.

The girls basketball team of the high school defeated Canolou in a rough game Tuesday night, the score being 25 to 8. The Matthews team forfeited to our boys on the same night.

Both the Morehouse teams have a 100 per cent record in the Southeast Missouri league, having won all their games.

The Peoples Bank of Morehouse held their annual stockholders meeting Tuesday, electing the following directors: W. Crumpecker, J. S. Wallace, A. H. Percy of Canolou, Dr. F. A. Elders, Wm. Taylor, Bryce Edwards and F. G. Zillmer.

Mrs. John Peeler has removed to Morehouse from Kennett.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Hickman Mills—Hard-surface road completed between this place and Belton.

Croton—McElroy Sloane Shoe Co. to double capacity of plant.

Keytesville—New postoffice building to be erected.

Rayville—Oil well being drilled near here.

Branson—Concrete swimming pool under construction.

Richards—Cheese manufacturing concern to start operations soon.

Pioneer—Commerce Mining Co. of Miami, Okla., drilling oil well near here.

Southwest Missouri largest lead-producing district in United States.

Independence—Two school buildings under construction.

Kansas City—Motion picture theater building being erected on Indiana avenue.

Marshall—Contracts let for erection of two dormitories at state hospital for feeble-minded.

Danforth—Road being improved west of here.

Red Springs—New high school building being erected.

Kansas City—Beth Hamedrosh Hagadol congregation plans erection of new synagogue.

Republic—Good headway being made on construction of shoe factory.

Branson—Ozark Leaf Tobacco Co. to open warehouse January 8.

Carthage—Ozark Hatchery moves into larger quarters.

Cartersville—High school gymnasium nearing completion.

Thayer—New fire truck placed in service.

Kansas City—Thirty-first street to be widened.

Thayer—New highway completed between this place and Koshkonong.

Sullivan—Bennett hotel to be improved.

St. Louis—Contract let for construction of Lee Harry Tate memorial hall at University of Missouri.

Bloomfield—Local telephone service being improved.

Aaron Cupp, 94, and the oldest man in Ohio to receive a hunting license, went out before breakfast and shot four rabbits at Lancaster, O. He says that hunting keeps him young.

SAFE WANTED—Small safe.—Sikeston Electric Laundry.

WANTED—An office girl. Apply at Sikeston Electric Laundry.

Fred Smith of La Valle was in Sikeston Thursday, transacting business.

W. E. Dennis left Thursday morning for Alton, Ill., to be with his son Jim, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Myer motored to Blytheville, Ark., Wednesday for a short visit.

Charles Stubbs of Blodgett transacted business in Sikeston Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The city officials have put up stop signals at some of our main crossings where it will be necessary for all automobiles to come to a full stop. The officials ask all drivers to strictly observe these boulevard stops for safety sake and to stop all speeding on the streets.

The Aces and Ramblers, the two basketball teams of the Sikeston high school, were in Morehouse on Tuesday night using the Morehouse basketball court for a practice game. Sometime during the game, someone entered the dressing rooms of the gym and relieved the boys of their change. To date, we haven't heard just how much was taken.

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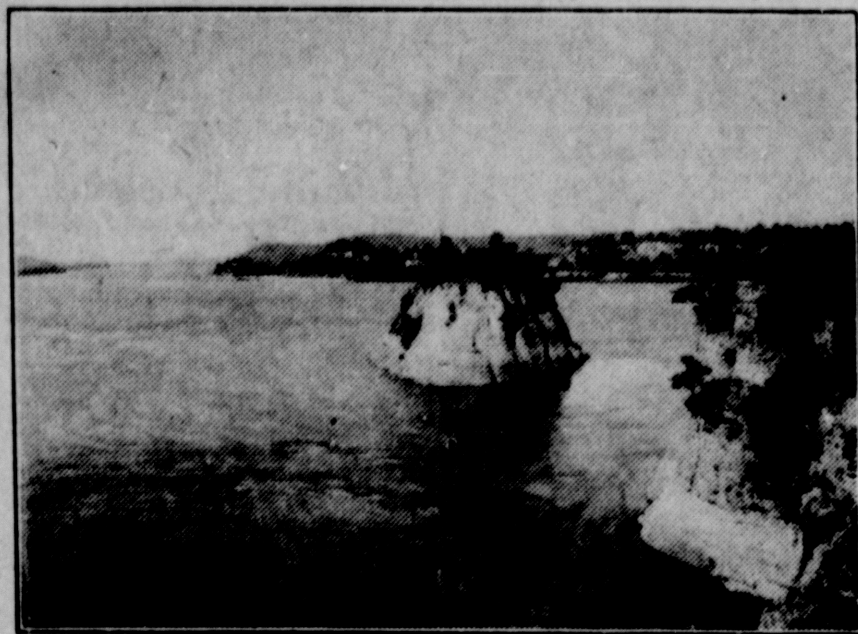
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An unusual point of interest on the Frisco's Memphis line is "The Rock of the Cross", an island in the Mississippi at Wittenberg, Mo., that is said to be the smallest National Park in the world. The first white man to land on this island was Father St. Cosme, who erected a cross on it in 1699. For many years this cross stood upon the summit of the rock and served as a beacon to the pio-

neers of the wilderness, telling them that before them had passed men of the Christian religion. In recent years while revetment work was being done on the river bank at this point, it was proposed to blast away the island, but nearby residents petitioned the government to spare it and accordingly the Secretary of the Interior set it aside as a National Park.

ARAB LIFE IN THE OASES OF THE SAHARA

Scattered here and there on the Sahara Desert are the oases, which owe their existence always to the presence of springs and wells. The role which these beautiful little havens of

palm gardens play in the life of the desert folk is varied and manifold. They serve, for example, to direct the routes of trade, for the great camel caravans trudging from Algeria to the Senegal are guided by their positions.

Set much like stars in the heavens,

the trails made between them resemble the figures resulting from drawing lines between the members of stellar constellations. But aside from their geographic importance they have their place in the economic, religious and social life of the people.

Just south of the great chains of mountains which separate the Sahara from the Mediterranean is a long, irregular line of these oases fed by the streams which descend either on the surface of in subterranean courses from the highlands. Here and there the clear mountain waters give life to the soil and make it blossom forth in a luxuriance of date palms, fig trees and smaller plants that are in the greatest contrast to the ordinary sparse growth of the desert.

Each nomad tribe that spends most of the time moving from place to place seeking fresh pasture for its flocks and herds has its base on one of these oases. Here the tribe owns land, as shown by mud-walled houses and gardens, and here certain members stay throughout the year to keep guard over the property and to care for the date palms.

Under the cool shade of the trees, the great leaves of which murmur overhead in accompaniment to the trickling of the crystal like water as it courses through the small irrigating canals, there is an unexcelled charm and loveliness throughout all but the hottest months of the year.

It is to these gardens that the nomads return at certain seasons to enjoy a little change and rest from the rigors of the desert and to replenish their stores for the long months of frugal desert life ahead. The date harvest brings them in from wherever they may be, for the gathering of this important fruit, which is so readily dried and transported and thus serves such admirable desert fare, is closely attended to by the nomads.

But it is not only to harvest their dates and to visit their relatives that the nomads come to the oases. There is always a certain amount of trading to be done, and for this purpose the Arab men drive their loaded camels and donkeys across the wastelands into the oases. Often the camels graze as they move along, covering only a few miles each day. Each oases village is girded round with walls made of mud and straw, and often the desert dwellers pitch their black cloth tents outside the walls. Entering the crude wooden gates, the Arabs proceed with the camels and donkeys to the market place.

Of all the interesting places in the world there are few that exceed the market place of an oases. Camels, donkeys, horses and goats are all jostled together in a mixed assembly. The little donkeys, their loads of firewood on the ground beside them, are often busy scratching each other's necks with their teeth. The goats are tussling with each other as actively as the ropes that time them will allow.

In the corner the stately old camels are grinding their jaws, swinging their heads on their loose necks, as they do so while the baby camels, often almost too young to stand, regardless of the fact that they appear to be nothing but legs, are busily engaged in drawing their meals from their mothers.

The Arabs are bargaining either at the shops, little holes set in the mud-walled houses that surround the square, or under the awnings of a separate building called a "suk". Goods of all kinds are on display from manufactured articles such as mirrors and knives to native-made shoes and carpets. And no sale is consummated in a hurry, but only after much haggling and bickering.

Among the characters at the "suk" some are of darker tint even than the swarthy Arabs. These are the people of the negro admixture who have reached North Africa by accompanying the caravans across the Sahara. Here and there is a jet-black individual dressed in a fantastic garb of animal skins adorned with mirrors and other sparkling trinkets, a skin-topped wooden drum hanging from his neck. He appears to be a wandering shaman of a savage tribe and with short, reverberating beats he pounds out a wild rhythm that he accompanies with a fearsome, whirling dance.

Seldom does an Arab come into an oases but that he pays a visit to the mosque. This crude whitewashed structure whose minaret rises among the green palm trees was probably erected in the memory of some saint or holy man. Here a school for the boys is carried on, and here they gather with wooden boards of the Koran in front of them, reciting in loud voices the words that mean little more to them than sounds.

From the top of the minaret one can see the oasis laid out before him. Clustered round the mosque and market place are mud-walled houses, broken only by narrow, crooked lanes. Beyond these are gardens filled with swaying palm trees. Then there is the wall with the gates and beyond the gates the roads or trails along which the camel trains are approaching or departing.

Below in a corner of the market

place are several Arabs preparing to follow others who have departed. The baby camels belong to them—they are huddled. They are loaded into bags which are tied one on each side of a camel's back. The heads and forelegs of the little beasts are all that are visible as they are carried off to the desert to grow up on the meager sustenance of their native soil.—Christian Science Monitor.

EDITOR COMMENTS ON CRIME REMEDY

"Piling criminals into Penitentiaries or adding to 'criminal state' to the nation is no remedy for the crime wave. We have a criminal 'state' of affairs now", is the declaration of A. Rosenthal, editor of "The Modern View", in an editorial in the current issue of the publication in which he commented on Federal Judge Faris' suggestion of an isolated state to house criminals.

"Prohibition has done its share to add violators of the law. Judge Gary and others now urge President Coolidge to enforce the prohibition law. If the President does this and all transgressors of the Volstead law are actually jailed, one-half of the United States may be required for incarceration of the 'felons', especially on New Year's eve.

"If we further included all criminals, rich and poor, not convicted because of spineless prosecutors, evasion under legal guidance, wavering juries, cowardly judges or corrupt influences, there might be several more states needed for the segregation of the sinners against laws and the Decalogue."

In his editorial Rosenthal indicated the need of "something more than prisons". He says less emphasis on money-making, less stress on shows, less dissipation and greater force on simpler living, simpler pleasures, fewer time-payment opportunities that lead to dangerous extravagances in luxuries and re-establishment of homes to counteract criminals, big and little, is the better way.

"More honest tolerance", he said, "more nonsectarian common sense, more open courage to hold up the hands of fearless courts and brave officials by every one who cares for public decency and safety—this is the best recipe from the serious abnormal situation of our times. To this end, every citizen who is not eligible to jail, should starve sincerely."

ILLINOIS FARMERS WARNED AGAINST OVER-OPTIMISM

Urbana, Jan. 12.—Forecasts of record-breaking prosperity for 1923 should not sweep Illinois farmers off their feet, according to a warning sounded here today by Dr. Charles L. Stewart, Director of Agriculture Economics, University of Illinois, in an address before the annual Farmers' Week.

The best way to be assured that the coming year will reward farmers "is to continue to emphasize economy in production and sanity in marketing," he added, "by no means should the throttle be opened wide for heavy increases in production, except as weather may swell yields."

Full use of present price advantages in cutting down debts and strengthening one's position as a bank customer is a sound policy for Illinois farmers to follow during 1925, he recommended.

Simple farm account records kept in the past few years by several hundred Illinois farmers in co-operation with the Illinois Agricultural College show that one-third of the owners of these farms lost an average of about \$2000 profit in 1923 through "leaks" in the farm business which could have been stopped up with improved management, M. L. Mosher, farm management extension specialist, told the farmers.

Even the best managed farms have leaks which allow incomes amounting to several hundred dollars a year to slip out of the operator's reach, Mosher said.

Kitchen Accidents

If the egg falls and the shell cracks or a piece chips out, add a few drops of vinegar to the water in which it is boiled and the white will not run.

When you oversalt the food you can draw it out by placing a cloth over the top of saucepan and let it stand on stove. You will soon see the salt on the cloth.

If you use too hot an iron you can remove the traces of damage by dampening the scorched spot with peroxide of hydrogen, then pressing it and placing it in the sun to dry.

When the water boils out and the food becomes scorched set the sauce pan in a kettle of cold water for a while, then transfer the food, removing that which is too badly scorched to another pan and the family will not detect the mishap.

A church which had been disused for some time has been altered into a very desirable residence by the lady who bought it when it was sold by auction.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. Albert Deane, Mrs. G. D. Steel and Mrs. Floe Moore were in Cape Girardeau last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and little son went to Bernie Wednesday on business.

A number of people from here motored to Catron Saturday evening to attend a dance.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Burch is still very low. Dr. Pressnell was again called from Sikeston Friday morning to see the little one. Everything is being done to prolong the little one's life, but it seems it can't pull thru.

Miss Addie James of Sikeston spent the week-end in Matthews.

Mrs. O. K. Mainord and children and Mrs. Nannie Mainord of New Madrid, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrd.

Ted Atchley of Sikeston was a Matthews visitor, Thursday.

Miss Menda Atchley and daughter Miss Virgie, and Mrs. Luke French of Sikeston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby Wednesday.

Matthews boys played a game of basketball with the Sikeston boys last Friday. The score was 49-5 in favor of Matthews.

The high school students enjoyed a weiner roast Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Loraine and Charley Gardener.

W. H. Deane went to Morehouse on Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter were Sikeston visitors, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Latimer visited relatives in Marston, Sunday.

G. F. Deane and Howard Steele went to Catron Saturday, on business.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Coomer Thursday evening and left a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford and Alfred Gossitt were Sikeston visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Lancaster and children and Mrs. James Lancaster motored to Sikeston Friday, where Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Lancaster went to take their little daughter to a doctor.

Mrs. Aubrey Larmit and little daughter and Miss Frankie Deane of New Madrid spent the week-end in Matthews with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane.

L. O. Harper went to Sikeston last Thursday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty of Sikeston visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Tenny Burch, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elderbrooks motored to Canolou Sunday to visit the latter's daughter, Mrs. Jas. Koglin.

Mrs. Sarah Buchanan is visiting relatives in Sikeston and Miner Switch this week.

The four-room house which L. Deane has been building for Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt, is just about completed. They moved in the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons have bought the old home place of John Gossitt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deane and daughter Lillith, William Deane, G. F. Deane, Mrs. S. A. Fox, Mrs. Amanda Long and daughter, Miss Sallie, James Rogers, Mrs. Rub Bornhart, Miss Mary Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deane had son, motored to Lilbourn Wednesday to attend the funeral of H. W. Fox, nephew of Mrs. Will Deane, who died in Richmond, Va., Saturday, January 3.

Mrs. Dick Burch of Oran visited relatives in Matthews last week.

FARMER KILLS SON-IN-LAW

Poplar Bluff, Jan. 13.—Domestic difficulties between Roland Goff, 25 years old, of Dexter, and his wife led to the killing of Goff by his father-in-law, James Smith, 55, a farmer. Recently Goff's wife left him and Goff, thinking she had gone to her father's home south of Dexter, went after her Monday evening. He carried a shot gun with him. Smith came to the door, and when Goff asked for his wife he told him that she was not there. Goff is alleged to have said, "Smith, one of us two is going to die."

Smith had a loaded shotgun inside the door. He fired at Goff who was mortally wounded. Smith left the wounded man and took his family to the house of a neighbor, where he telephoned the Sheriff. Sheriff Barham and Prosecutor Powell an hour later found Goff dead inside the Smith house. He had walked thru several rooms. Smith was released on \$5000 bond.

A fish that "shouts" and carries its own lights has been discovered in Monterey Bay, Cal. A U-shaped air bladder accounts for the "shouting". The fish drives the gaseous contents of this bladder from one end to the other, passing through a small connection with such force as to cause a loud noise. In addition, this finny oddity sports 350 phosphorescent disks.

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**STAE PARK COMMISSION
BUYS 3 MORE LARGE TRACTS**

Jefferson City, Jan. 11.—Three more large tracts of land in the Ozark mountain country of Southern Missouri were purchased yesterday by the State Park Commission, it was announced at the game and fish department. The consumation of the deals was completed following the ruling today of Judge Henry West-hues in the Cole County Circuit Court, here that the State park appropriation act made by the last legislature was valid and that the purchases by the Park Commission were valid. The three new tracts purchased today were:

Big Spring tract, located in Carter County near Van Buren and consisting of 4000 acres, costing \$31,000, an average of about \$5 an acre. This land has the largest spring in the entire United States upon it, according to State Game Commissioner Frank Wielandy. It flows 445,000,000 gallons of water a day, according to State tests.

Ellington tract in Reynolds County, made up of 6140 acres, to cost approximately \$19,400.

Alley Spring tract, located in Shannon County and consisting of 471 acres, costing approximately \$31,500. This land has one of the largest springs upon it. It is known as Alley Springs and flows 53,000,000 gallons a day.

Two large tracts were purchased before the injunction proceedings held up further purchases. They were the

Lennox Ranch in Dent County, consisting of 12,000 acres and the Rounds Springs tract in Shannon County, made up of 75 acres. The Lennox tract was bought by the State for 50,503 and the Rounds Springs land, named also for a big spring upon it, was purchased for about \$5,000.

A trial recently held in the Woman's Court in New York was marked by the total absence of men. Six women, charged with various offenses, were tried by women judges, women lawyers and women detectives, and all the court attendants were women.

Archaeologists are excavating the ancient Roman city of Leptis Magna, buried beneath the sands of the Libyan Desert in Northern Africa. No other buried city so far discovered has been found so intact, with the exception of Pompeii; and Pompeii, while yielding magnificent statuary, cannot boast of such architectural splendor as found at Leptis Magna.

"Speak, Speak! Thou fearful guest—" A skeleton in ancient Spanish armor was found under a rock 18 miles south of La Junta, Colorado, recently by several boys. Historians believe it to be a member of a band that traversed that part of the country under the leadership of the Don Vasquez Coronado. The armor plate is covered with ivory. On it are figures believed to be Roman numerals. Parts of a copper gun stock and an ancient flintlock blunderbuss were also found nearby.

**FIND RARE JEWELRY IN
1000-YEAR-OLD APARTMENT**

A beautiful turquoise necklace and four large ear pendants, the first complete object of its kind ever found in an ancient American town, has been discovered in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, in the ruins of the 800-room apartment house occupied one thousand years ago by twelve hundred Indian farmers. Neil M. Judd of the U. S. National Museum has announced.

This necklace was one of a number of ornaments, including abalone shell pendants and jet finger rings, which were unearthed by the 1924 Pueblo Bonita expedition of the National Geographic Society under the direction of Mr. Judd. In the refuse heaps of the once prosperous village, which consisted of one apartment house in which the whole farming community lived, was also found evidence that two distinct types of prehistoric, sedentary Indians occupied the apartments contemporaneously throughout many generations. They possessed different kinds of utensils and different types of architecture, but both were agriculturists by preference, cultivating considerable areas of now sterile soil.

The prehistoric fame of Pueblo Bonita, as the abandoned apartment house is now called, attracted itinerant merchants from Central Mexico and the coast of California, who brought upon their backs cages containing live parrots and macaws from tropical jungles and bundles of abalone, halibut, and other bright-colored shells from Pacific waters for sale to the rich Bonitan farmers.

These secrets of the past have lain buried in the ruins of Pueblo Bonita for probably ten centuries, as the town was unknown and unvisited by early Spanish explorers in the Southwest.

Ford and Co-operative Marketing

Henry Ford's anti-Semitic campaign has gone off at a tangent which brings upon him the threat of a million-dollar libel suit. Aaron Sapiro, the author of the threat, objects to such statements as:

This whole Kahn-Baruch-Lasker-Rosenwald-Sapiro program is carefully planned to turn over to an organized international interest the entire agricultural industry of the republic. Between the lines one reads the story of the Jewish communistic movement in America which seeks to make of the United States what it has already made of Russia.

Sapiro is an organizer of agricultural co-operatives, such as the Raisin Growers' Society of California and the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association of Kentucky. He and the other men mentioned by Ford was deeply interested in the success of the co-operative marketing movement, which has already put millions of dollars into the farmers' pockets.

While Ford cites Kahn, Baruch and Sapiro as leaders of this movement, he neglects to add certain other names, such as ex-Gov. Frank O. Lowden, Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Agriculture Gore and even President Coolidge. Within the past week the last three have made speeches in advocacy of the co-operative marketing principle.

In view of Ford's statements, two points should be made: First, that the leadership of the movement is not confined to any clique or group, but is shared by outstanding men of both parties and all beliefs; next, the movement necessarily works through the independent judgment of the American farmer, a hard-headed individual who hasn't a soviet bone in his body.

Incidentally, co-operative marketing is the most important constructive economic program in the United States today and it is the only existing machinery through which farmers can supplant the present haphazard system of merchandising their products with a scientific, orderly disposition of the fruits of their toil. —Post-Dispatch.

In the church at Mullion Town, Cornwall, a thoughtful medieval ecclesiastic provided a devil's door near the front, through which the devil may escape when the sponsors renounce him and all his works.

Ginseng is supposed by the Chinese to possess peculiar curative qualities, but reputable physicians of this country do not consider it of much value. Consequently the entire output of ginseng in this country is exported to China.

**SMALL HOG PRODUCTION
INDICATED THIS YEAR**

Washington, January 13.—A hog crop this year as small as any year in the last ten years and an acute shortage of hog products in 1926 were indicated in a December 1 survey, as announced today by the Department of Agriculture.

The survey showed that sows farrowed last fall were 28.2 per cent fewer than those farrowed in the fall of 1923, but the decrease in pigs was only 22.2 per cent, due to a higher average saved per litter. In the corn belt the decrease in sows farrowed was 30.6 per cent, but in pig production it was only 2.4 per cent. Decreases were smaller in other sections of the country.

The department estimates the number of sows to farrow next spring in the corn belt will be reduced 15 to 25 per cent with a similar decline for the county as a whole.

Despite the smaller crop the movement of hogs to market direct was almost as large as during the previous year the department said, and the December slaughter was the largest ever recorded.

Resolve On Thrift

Tonight, having in mind sundry phenomena much in evidence just now, I would urge you, if you are not already among the really thrifty, to include in your New Year's resolves a firm determination to set up a financial reserve for your later years.

And further resolves, if inexperienced in saving, to seek, and act on the advice of truly competent counselors. Don't let yourself be misled, through recklessness or ignorance, into the truly terrible misery of a poverty-stricken old age.

Statistics of governmental departments and benevolent associations bear appalling testimony to the number of aged persons at this very moment suffering the pangs of dependence on public charity or the alms of friends. Nor is the pathos of their plight lessened by the fact that in many cases—one might even say in most cases, their present poverty need not have been.

Comparatively few are those so situated all their days that they could not possibly make some provision for life's twilight. The trouble is that multitudes, in their full flush of earning power, give no thought to the unpleasant truth that inevitably a day will come when they can no longer earn.

Employment possibilities of the present hold their attention, and many among them even mortgage the future to increase present comforts and luxuries. Whether or no they really can afford the "conveniences" of our extraordinary epoch—from motor cars to costly electrical household appliances—they must have them, though it means going heavily into debt.

Multitudes more while sensing the importance of saving something, make the mistake of confusing speculation with thrift. It would be difficult to over-estimate the number of aged who are poor simply because they took unreasonable chances with the money meant to sustain them later.

Four or five per cent interest on one's savings does in truth seem small, when offers are continually being made of "investment" to yield from 10 to 20 or more per cent in annual income. Yet the plain fact remains that such offers usually are but bait to entrap the unwary, and their acceptance is all too likely to mean no income whatever and a total loss of all the funds "invested".

Recent statistics, carefully compiled, give one billion dollars as the sum annually filched from the saving public by vendors of fraudulent stocks. In the main this colossal amount comes from those who can least afford to lose anything—and who, having lost, are in many, many cases doomed to an old age of poverty.

Too late then is their regret that they did not content themselves with the moderate return that safe investment gives, did not seek good advice before parting with their hard-earned capital. Their opportunity for an independent, care-free old age has gone.

In sum, waste and unthinking speculation may fairly be accounted the major causes of poverty among the old. Avoidance of these may not mean wealth, but it is the best possible insurance against the misery of want in the years of growing weakness.—H. Addington Bruce.

The Palangs are a people dwelling in Burma. The Palang child is taught never to go under a ladder, because the influence of the person upon the ladder—or that of the last person who climbed it—may descend upon the person underneath.

Japanese hyacinths which now infest the Laguna de Bay and other waterways in the Philippines constitute a menace to navigation, and within a few years, unless they are exterminated, navigation in the Bay and the Pasig River will be impossible.



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**FIGHT ON CHILD LABOR
RAIFICATION LOOMS**

Jefferson City, Mo., January 13.—Opposition to the ratification of the child labor amendment to the Constitution of the United States House of Representatives.

A resolution that the amendment should be rejected was introduced by Representative W. Freeland, Republican, of Haney County, but it was laid over for several days until the House committees are named and the regular order of introduction of bills is taken up.

The resolution declared that the House should oppose the amendment because it would mean "an additional army of bureaucrats, acting as snooping agents and invading our homes".

It proposed instead that the National Congress should be petitioned to offer a substitute amendment that would give Congress the "unquestioned right" to forbid the entry of any product into interstate or foreign commerce that has been produced through or by the commercialization of child labor.

The resolution added that "the House, though opposed to the commercialization of childhood, believes that this should be prevented without undue infringement on the rights of the state or the individual rights of the people".

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The Cornish of Great Britain are a race apart from others. They are formed of a union of the primitive tribes and the Brythonic race, which gave its name to Britain. They still speak of "going to England", as if it were a foreign country.

The original of the glass known as a "tumbler" was a drinking vessel with a bottom so constructed that it would not stand upon a table. The "tumbler" was a product of the old days and was designed to make a man "take off his liquor" without setting his "tumbler" aside.

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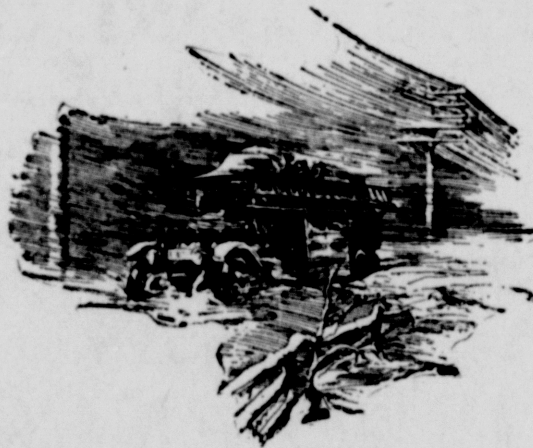
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